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NMI Democrats ready for 1st woman president

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CNMI Democratic Party chairwoman Janet King poses for a series of photos at the Instagram booth at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. Delegates could take four photos in front of a large American flag and email or text it to themselves with hashtag #DemsinPhilly.

By JILLIAN L. ANGELINE
CORRESPONDENT

PHILADELPHIA—It was more than four years ago when Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) says he talked with former DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz about granting committee membership to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Sablan also spoke with then local party chair Edward Manibusan, who is now CNMI Attorney General.

"And I told Ed here's what you need to do and he completed the paperwork and I said look, you need to go and attend the meeting. They're having a meeting the day after the convention adjourns," he tells *Saipan Tribune* at the Convention in Philadelphia last week. That's where they voted to grant the CNMI a spot in the Committee, said Sablan. "I'd like to think I got the approval."

Fast forward to last week when Commonwealth delegates descended on Philadelphia's Wells Fargo Center to join thousands of other delegates from the 50 states and territories to nominate Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. It was the CNMI's first appearance at a Democratic National Convention. The congressman called the delegates "a lively group of people."

The youngest member of the group, CNMI Democratic Party chairwoman Janet King's 5-year-old daughter, Kate, was there to witness history in

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7.7 earthquake jolts CNMI

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Many CNMI residents were awakened when a 7.7-magnitude earthquake jolted the Mariana Islands Saturday morning at 7:18am.

According to the U.S. Geological Service, the earthquake's epicenter was at 316 kilometers south-southwest of Agrihan at a depth of 212.4 kilometers.

Based on available data, there was no tsunami threat.

Saipan Tribune learned that there were no reports of injuries or damage to property.

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CUC oil pipeline, Tank 102 projects formally opened

» Starting with an original $2M budget, pipeline ended up into $14M project

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials led on Friday the ribbon cutting for the completed controversial Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s new oil pipeline that began only with a $2-million budget in 2011 and ended up a $14-million project due to complexities.

With the takeover of the federal court-appointed Engineering Environmental Management Company (EEMC) Gilbane Federal, the pipe-

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, center, and Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Adelina C. Roberto, fourth from left, led the ribbon-cutting ceremony for CUC pipeline and Tank 102 replacement projects at CUC Power Plant in Lower Base on Friday afternoon. From left, Capital Improvement Project administrator Virginia Villagomez, Rep. Antonio Sablan (Ind-Saipan), CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho, Roberto, Torres, U.S. Department of the Interior grants management specialist Keith Aughenbaugh, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, Tano Group's Robert Bracken, and Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero (R-Saipan).

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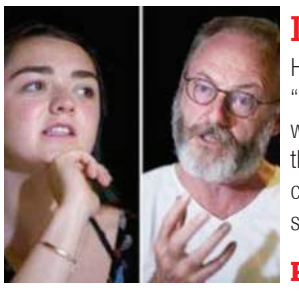

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Local

USCIS to allow additional applicants for provisional waiver process

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced a final rule expanding the existing provisional waiver process to allow certain individuals who are family members of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, and who are statutorily eligible for immigrant visas, to more easily navigate the immigration process. The provisional waiver process promotes family unity by reducing the time that eligible individuals are separated from their family members while they complete immigration processing abroad, while also improving administrative efficiency.

» Rule to extend process to all individuals who are statutorily eligible for waiver

This final rule builds on a process established in 2013 to support family unity. Under that process, certain immediate relatives of U.S. citizens can apply for provisional waivers of the unlawful presence ground of inadmissibility, based on the extreme hardship their U.S. citizen spouses or parents would suffer if the waiver were not granted. The rule announced late last week, which goes into effect on Aug. 29, 2016, expands eligibility for the provisional waiver process to all individuals who are statutorily eligible for the waiver of the unlawful presence ground of inadmissibility. USCIS expects to update its Policy Manual to provide guidance on how USCIS makes "extreme hardship" determinations in the coming weeks.

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Tourism Topics

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

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Introducing Kensington Hotel in China

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Kensington Hotel Saipan held at joint seminar in Beijing in June 2016 to introduce Saipan's newest hotel to media and travel trade partners in Beijing.

The seminar attracted approximately 70 travel trade partners and 15 media representatives. The MVA made a presentation on the wide range of tourism resources in the Northern Marianas to educate participants on the destination. Kensington Hotel Saipan provided details about the hotel property in hopes of attract families and MICE clients from the China market.

The seminar closed with a Q&A session, raffle, and media interviews. So far this fiscal year, 152,514 visitors from China have visited the Northern Mariana Islands, a 13.8 percent increase compared to the same period last year.

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Constitutionality of statute denying meaningful recovery of medical malpractice questioned

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The CNMI Government Liability Act is unconstitutional as it denies any meaningful recovery to victims of medical malpractice committed at the hands of Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. employees, according to a couple who filed a medical malpractice lawsuit.

Remedio Elameto and her common-law husband, Pedro Pua, through counsel, asserted that the Government Liability Act impermissibly discriminates against victims of medical malpractice who have been seriously injured, violating their rights to due process and equal protection of the laws by effectively blocking them from fully recovering for their injuries.

Attorney Claire Kelleher-Smith, counsel for Elameto and Pua, questioned the constitutionality of the Government Liability Act in support of their objection to the CNMI government's request to dismiss their claims against Dr. Gary Ramsey.

Kelleher-Smith said plaintiffs Elameto and Pua seek not only to recover for their injuries, but also to strike the unconstitutional statute that has been applied for bar recovery for victims of serious CHC medical malpractice in the CNMI.

Kelleher-Smith said the Commonwealth's health care system—one that allows doctors who have been disciplined in other jurisdictions like Ramsey to practice at CHC, and that effectively prevents those seriously injured by CHC medical malpractice from recovering for those injuries—is a disgrace.

"The broken system is buttressed by an unconstitutional statutory scheme," the lawyer said.

Fortunately, Kelleher-Smith pointed out, the Superior Court has the power to strike these statutes down, to protect the people of the CNMI.

Elameto claimed that a surgical team at CHC allegedly left a 15-centimeter long surgical clamp in her abdomen during a surgery to address her irregular periods and ovarian cysts at CHC on Saipan in August 2000.

Elameto disclosed that it was in June 2014 or almost 14 years later when the surgical clamp was discovered and removed at Guam Memorial Hospital.

Following the CHC surgery, Elameto claimed to have experienced irregular periods, pain, fatigue, sleep disruption, interference with her activities of daily living, and reduced interest and ability to enjoy activities she had previously engaged in.

Elameto and Pua are suing the CNMI government and two former CHC doctors Rajee Iyer and Ramsey for medical malpractice, bad faith, and emotional distress and loss of consortium.

Elameto and Pua asked the court to hold the defendants liable to pay them damages, court costs, and attorney's fees. They demanded a jury trial.

The CNMI government, through assistant attorney general David Lochabay, then moved to dismiss the lawsuit.

Lochabay argued, among other things, that according to the Commonwealth statute of limitations for medical malpractice, the following actions shall be commenced only within two years after the cause of action accrues—"actions for malpractice, error, or mistake against physicians, surgeons, dentists, medical or dental practitioners, and medical or dental assistants."

Lochabay said one of the exceptions is for cases in which an allegedly injured plaintiff is unaware that he/she has been injured until after the limitation period has expired.

Lochabay said for Elameto to have endured symptoms for

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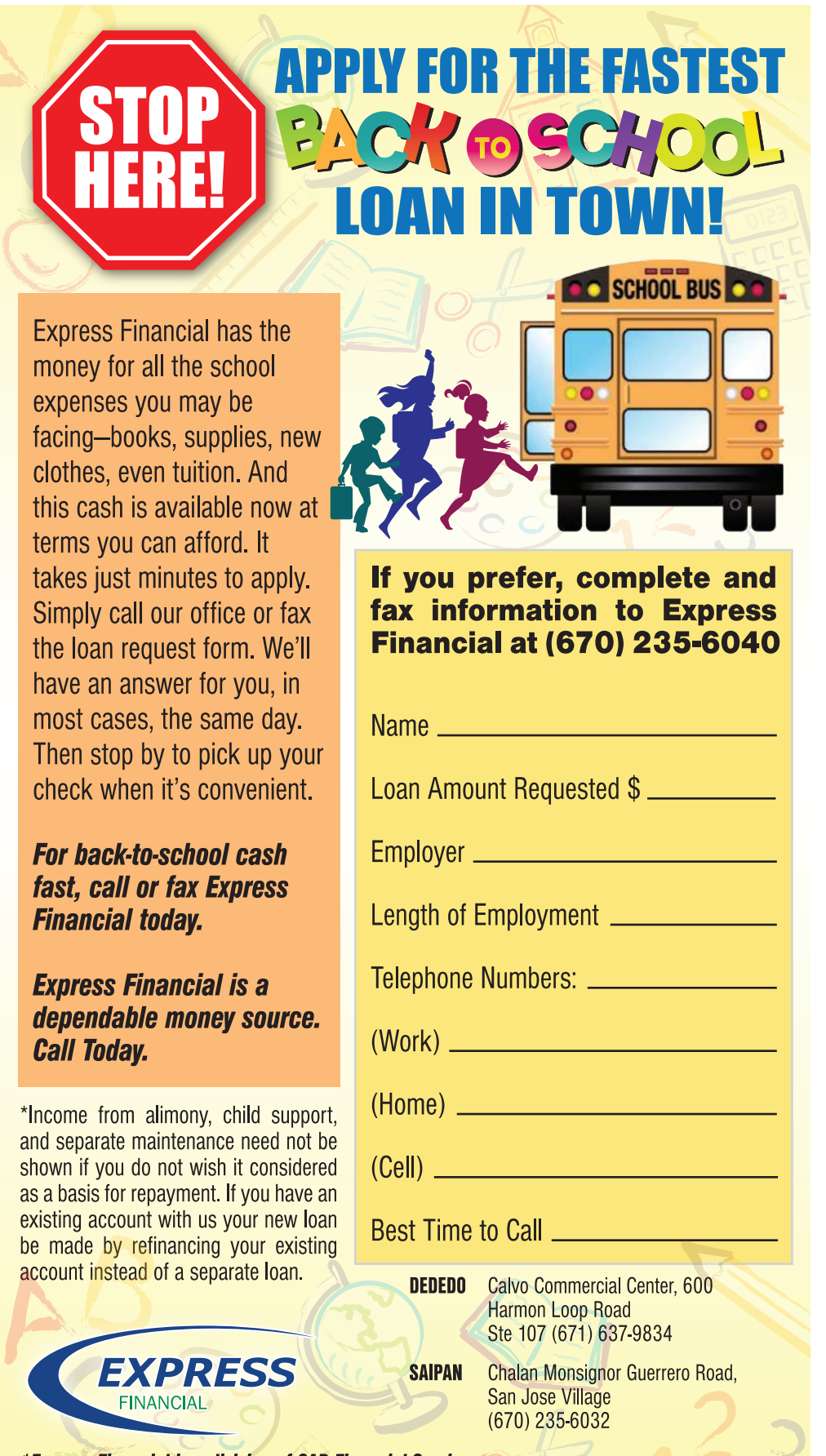
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action. "She's getting to see a process that I think as the years go by, it will become significant, as least it's significant for me because ultimately, no matter where you come from, whether it's the Northern Mariana Islands, 8,000 miles away, or right next door, New Jersey, everybody wants a better life for their children. Everybody wants a good quality of life. Everybody wants safety," said. This kind of message reverberated throughout the speeches at the four-day convention.

Empowering women

Just before Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton addressed the crowd by live video on Tuesday night last week, the video display showed all 44 previous U.S. presidents followed by an animation of shattered glass to symbolize Clinton breaking the glass ceiling, a reference to a woman's struggle to be on the same mark as men, according to King. King said the animation was very significant, profound.

"Hillary did it very much all throughout her life and then now as the next President of the United States."

CNMI delegate Fran Castro spoke to the message of women empowerment throughout the conference. "Now that the party is trying to get organized and we really want to try and get young people to run and we all want to work together to fix the Commonwealth and also because Hillary is going to be the first woman President. I'm very excited about that. I'm happy for women. It really empowers us women to come out and speak more about some of the problems we're facing, whether it's domestic violence or the way we're treated at work. I think women should really stand up and really speak for themselves."

Guam Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo said she and her delegation were pleased and excited to finally see the CNMI join Guam, American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands at the convention. She laments that many times the territories are forgotten. Guam delegate Taling Taitano told us she hopes to see the CNMI delegation in the coming years too.

Delegates from the territories hope Clinton will address issues facing the islands, including immigration and the environment.

"Secretary Clinton has basically, I understand, said she will address comprehensive immigration reform at the earliest possible time when she gets elected. This is a presidential election, so you have the first term and the second term. But I think she said she will consider doing it in the first term," Sablan explained to *Saipan Tribune*.

On the heels of actress Sigourney Weaver's speech in which she said people are affected by climate change right now, delegate Castro had this to say about her hopes for Clinton's policies. "I think she's going to follow in the footsteps of President Obama. He's a big supporter of climate change. We also, in the CNMI, have done a lot of work on climate change. We have vulnerability assessments done, we're now working to update our regulations and try to incorporate our results from our assessments into our plans so that we make better decisions when we're developing, when we're permitting new hotels."

Mission

Sablan hopes the CNMI Democratic Party can put together a mission statement as the party continues to gain a following in the Commonwealth. Sablan explained he would like to see "a mission core that explains what it is they want to do with the community and then from there find candidates that agree with" the mission statement.

The congressman further told *Saipan Tribune* he wants to see principles of why the party exists, what the party members would like to achieve and how the members can help the community. "That's where it starts," he tells *Saipan Tribune* last week.

CUC

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line construction was completed only in an approximate six-month timeframe beginning in November 2015.

Aside from the pipeline project, Torres and CUC officials also held the simultaneous ribbon cutting for CUC's Tank 102 replacement project in Lower Base.

The old oil pipeline was an 8-inch aboveground receiving pipeline that delivered diesel fuel from the Mobil oil facility to CUC Power Plants 1 and 2 in Lower Base. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had stated that until the pipeline is properly repaired or replaced, it poses a threat to the adjacent ocean.

Tank 102 project involves a 500,000-gallon diesel fuel tank that replaced Tank 010, which has been found to be a source of pollution and is non-repairable.

In his special remarks, Torres said CUC has always been a sensitive topic.

Torres said people in the CNMI would not survive without CUC.

"Here we are, five years later addressing our pipeline. This is one of the stipulation orders that has been addressed," Torres said.

Torres said there was a time when people felt that the government and CUC were not doing anything about the pipeline, but that a lot of paperwork has to be done.

The governor congratulated the CUC team, the executive director, the board, the Capital Improvement Project, and all the engineers that have worked hard for these projects.

Torres said the government and CUC still have a long way ahead to address CUC issues, but this pipeline project is definitely one that is very critical part in addressing the stipulation orders.

"That's one off the book and there's a couple more that we need to focus again," Torres said.

The governor asked for the continued support from everyone by giving solutions to CUC and the government to help them move forward on other projects so that they can assist these court-ordered stipulations 1 and 2.

CUC acting executive director Gary Camacho said the two projects are five-year programs in tandem with federal agencies—the U.S. Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency—and local agencies.

"It was trying at a time during the five years but there was something certain—nobody wavered on their effort and commitment to complete these," Camacho said.

Camacho said with the completion of the pipeline and Tank 102, CUC now has a better program, more capable to providing reliable power and indeed having a system that protects from oil leaks into the environment.

He noted that there's a lot of dedication and commitment from a lot of people to complete the projects.

Camacho said U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter knew what he wanted and he knew what he expected from this pipeline project.

Carter was not present at the ceremony, but U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona participated in the ribbon cutting.

Camacho said Tank 102 adds additional fuel storage capability.

U.S. Department of the Interior grants management specialist CUC's technical manager for oil Max Simian acknowledged the long process and many years of efforts of many people, local, and federal agencies involved in the projects.

Simian said both the tank and the pipeline are more than five years long in the making.

"Frankly at times, it looked like it would never finish but it has," he said.

Simian pointed out that both the tank and the pipeline are built to full industry standards as well as federal regulations.

"This is the first for CUC and the CNMI," he noted.

CUC board chair Adelina C. Roberto said it's a long one-mile pipeline and probably the longest ever built one-mile pipeline.

U.S. Department of the Interior grants management specialist Keith Aughenbaugh said they are very happy that they were able to fund the projects.

"It's been about a five-year project," he noted.

Aughenbaugh said for most of the tank and the underground pipeline, there had been a few false starts and it's taking some redesign work and some reconstruction.

"But overall we're quite happy and glad that OIA could provide some of the funding for the projects," he said in an interview.

Aughenbaugh said the pipeline started in 2011 as a $2-million project and that because of some redesigns and bringing in additional contractor and then of course the EEMC firm Gilbane Federal was brought in about a year ago.

He said it's through EEMC's efforts that CUC was able to finish both projects.

He said the pipeline's total funding was about $14 million, including the $2 million in original funding.

Aughenbaugh said Tank 102 is half a million project, federally funded.

He said Tank 102 had to be rebuilt as there was a problem with the building.

He said a couple of years ago, it was being built, but there was a problem with the welding.

"So they did have to tear it apart and start all over," the DOI official said.

Aughenbaugh said it's a joint venture expenditure authority between the governor's office and CUC to get these two projects completed.

"It looks great. The project is very good. I'm just happy to still be involved with the CIP projects program on behalf of the OIA," Aughenbaugh said.

Tano Group is the subcontractor for the pipeline project and the general contractor for the Tank 102. The company completed the projects in six months.

Tano Group's Robert Bracken said they have been working with CUC for 20 years or longer now.

Bracken said it's the second time they re-built Tank 102 since they built it in 1992.

He said they actually repaired it and it's not in service for five years as they locked it down.

Bracken said CUC has a great team and has such a really good workforce.

Bracken praised CUC foreign workers who have been working with Tano Group for 20 years.

"It's an honor to build this tank once again," Bracken said.

Running CUC into ground

Former CUC chief financial officer Matt Yaquinto told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that CUC gets a new pipeline that cost over $14 million or more than the Keystone Pipeline per foot.

Yaquinto said CUC could have repaired the old pipeline for around $1.5 million.

Yaquinto said the rest of CUC is collapsing, as it is being run into the ground by the board, the acting management, and all the while the stipulated order positions, who are professionals that know how to run a utility, are all being terminated

Due to unforeseen site conditions and construction challenges encountered that include human remains exhumations, additional archeological excavations, an unexploded 500-lb World War II bomb, among others, CUC's oil pipeline construction project's cost increased by $2.1 million from the $8.5-million budget ceiling under EEMC.

EARTHQUAKE

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There were small aftershocks recorded.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on Saturday asked the public to keep themselves and their families safe "as the situation continues to develop."

The CNMI Joint Information Center did not indicate the cause of the earthquake and its duration.

Glenn, a resident of Finasisu, said he was watching TV on the couch when the two-story apartment building started to shake.

Glenn said as the TV was shaking hard, he stood up next to the door and observed if the ceiling would collapse as the temblor took several seconds.

"I was scared! When I looked outside a few of my neighbors also went to their doors, telling that it was a strong earthquake," he said.

Josephine, 45, a resident in Chalan Kanoa, said she was awakened when her bed was shaking hard.

Josephine said when she realized it was an earthquake she immediately stood to check her children who were still sleeping.

Josephine said she immediately checked her Facebook if there's a tsunami warning, and that she was happy that there was none.

"It was long and scary!" she said.

On Rota, it was felt but not that strong.

Firefighter Christopher Hocog said not everyone felt the earthquake.

Hocog said when it happened he did not feel it as he was in a vehicle.

On Tinian, people felt the strong earthquake.

Fire cadet Esteven Sablan said he was sleeping in his house at the time when he felt the shake.

"Other people felt it," Sablan said.

The earthquake was also felt in Guam.

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14 years without seeking readily available medical help is not reasonable diligence.

In plaintiffs opening brief in support of objection to the motion to dismiss filed on Friday, Kelleher-Smith said Ramsey should be allowed to participate in this lawsuit until the constitutionality of the Government Liability Act is resolved, given that Ramsey will be the one that they seek to hold liable once the Act is declared unconstitutional.

Kelleher-Smith said if Ramsey were to be dismissed from the case now, and then brought back in later, much of the case would be litigated twice.

The lawyer said when the CNMI Legislature enacted the Commonwealth Employees' Liability Reform and Tort Compensation Act of 2006, the Legislature explained that the requirement that any person injured by Commonwealth employees notify the Attorney General before filing a lawsuit was to save money on unnecessary litigation, and to protect the interests of those harmed by government employees—allowing them "greater net recoveries."

In practice, however, Kelleher-Smith said, instead of working to establish a prompt and just resolution, the government attorneys deny or fail to respond to claims, ef-

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fectively serving as insurance defense attorneys.

She said in this case, instead of acting swiftly to compensate a CNMI citizen who was injured at the hands of government employees, the Office of the Attorney General argues that Elameto cannot be compensated for her injury because she did not discover the clamp soon enough.

The government's argument, Kelleher-Smith said, is not based on an established principle of CNMI law, and it goes directly against the established common-law.

Kelleher-Smith said given that it is well known that the government does not pay judgments against it, the only way a victim will be able to obtain an attorney is if the attorney is willing to do the work without payment for years, if ever.

"In sum, the denial of a claim acts as a very real barrier to pursuing recovery for medical malpractice injuries," she said.

Kelleher-Smith said at the very beginning of the case, the medical malpractice victim faces another discriminatory effect of the Act, the substitution of the government for the medical professional as a party to the case.

Kelleher-Smith said once the individual or individuals who have committed the medical malpractice are removed from the suit, these individuals are insulated from any personal liability, including punitive damages, and bear no financial consequences of their sometimes repeated and recklessly indifferent, harmful acts.

"This creates an environment in the CNMI where repeated, gross negligence of medical professionals is allowed to continue, with only the victims of the medical malpractice bearing the costs of such injurious behavior," she said.

The lawyer cited the case of Ramsey, who has previously been sued for medical malpractice in the CNMI.

She said Ramsey has also been disciplined by the Medical Board of California after being charged with "gross negligence, repeated negligence, and incompetence."

Yet, Kelleher-Smith pointed out, Ramsey continued to practice medicine at CHC for years.

"The Act removes the ability of victims of CHC medical malpractice to seek recovery from the individuals who have harmed them, and instead forces them into the bureaucratic nightmare of attempting to obtain compensation from a government that refuses to pay judgments," she said.

Kelleher-Smith said one way to ensure full compensation for victims of medical malpractice would be for the government to purchase medical malpractice insurance for its physicians, surgeons, nurses, and other medical professionals.

However, she noted, the government has not obtained medical malpractice insurance, but has instead chosen to place the full cost of medical malpractice on those who are harmed by it.

Kelleher-Smith said taken as a whole, the Government Liability Act completely denies recovery for medical malpractice of CHC employees.

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$13K out of $23K seized at airport returned to couple

The U.S. government has agreed to return $13,000 out of the $23,000 to a couple that claimed ownership to the money that was seized at the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport from a hand-carried luggage of a store worker who was bound for Shanghai, China in February last year.

In exchange, couple Xingnong Xu and Shaorong Zheng have agreed that all their interest in the remaining $10,000 shall be forfeited to the U.S. government for disposition according to law.

The U.S. government, through assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing, and claimants Xu and Zheng, through counsel Samuel I. Mok, decided to divide the amount after reaching a settlement agreement.

Under the agreement, Xu ang Zeng stipulated that there was a reasonable cause for the seizure of their $23,000.

Xu and his wife, Zheng, earlier claimed they are the innocent owners of the forfeited money at issue.

Xu and Zheng, through counsel Mok, in their petition said they did not know that Delin Ma, who actually transported the money would fail to report the currency on a FinCen Form 105 as required by law.

Mok said the couple collectively earned the money from their joint savings from their long-time employment as managers at LN Market and Blue Sky Market.

Mok said the $20,000 was intended for the couple's son's living expenses and tuition payment for private school, and Xu's mother for Chinese New Year celebration.

Mok said $3,000 was for a personal loan to Ma.

Mok asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to return to the couple the seized $23,000.

A federal grand jury indicted Ma with one count of bulk cash smuggling out of the United States.

Under the currency reporting laws, a person is required to report any amount of currency $10,000 and over when traveling out of or into the U.S.

Ma pleaded guilty.

Attorney Mark Hanson, counsel for Ma, said the defendant was stopped at the Saipan airport on his way back to China for his son's wedding.

In December 2015, the court imposed a 36-month probation sentence on the 52-year-old Ma. The court forfeited the $23,000 seized from Ma.

The court also ordered to return to Ma the $3,294 that he was carrying on his person at the time of his arrest.

In the U.S. government's motion to dismiss, Lorfing said in no way do petitioners provide the time and circumstances of their acquisition of their legal interest in the forfeited money in a way that would allow the court to determine if they have a claim for which relief could be granted.

In Xu's and Zheng's petition for return of the seized property, Mok said at the time of the seizure, Ma was a full-time employee of LN Market.

Mok said Ma is Zheng's distant relative.

Torres signs local bills to fund various projects

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last week signed two House local bills into law, which appropriated a total of $290,951.34 to fund various projects. Torres signed House Local Bill 19-43 and House Local Bill 19-63 that became Saipan Local Laws 19-18 and Saipan Local Law 19-17, respectively.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation appropriated $288,312.34 collected from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund under Business Unit 3730. The money will each fund improvement projects in Precincts, 3, 4, and 5.

The water booster pump for As Falape Road and AAR Loop Road in Garapan's Precinct 3 had the most money appropriated, which is $150,000, while the drainage and flood control project at Precinct 4 carries a price tag of $69,156.17 that is also the same amount for the paving and drainage construction project of Kanat Tabla Road in Precinct 5.

SLL 19-17, introduced by Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (R-Saipan), will appropriate the remaining fund balance of $2,629 from SLL 17-15 for the repair of the Gualo Rai Youth Center. ***(Jon Perez)***

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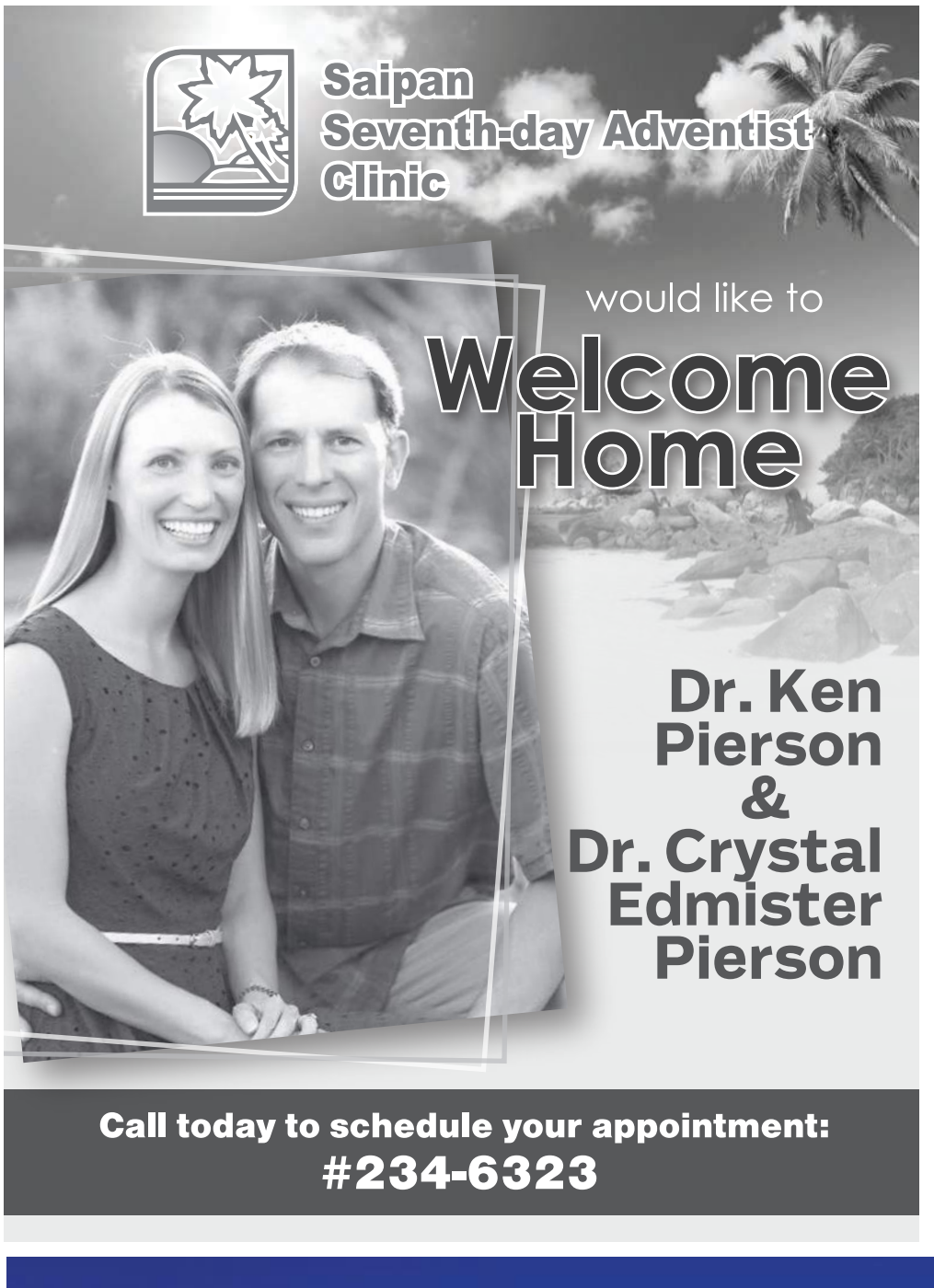

Propst: DPS also needs additional budget

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The Department of Public Safety needs additional funding to mitigate the needs of the agency and at the same time increase the salaries of all law enforcement personnel.

Propst

This is what Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) wants to happen since the government had been investing heavily in education, the DPS also needed attention since this is the agency that protects the community.

Propst, in last Tuesday's Rotary Club of Saipan meeting, said the DPS has around 40 to 50 police officers but only has three patrol cars that go around the island and is used in three shifts. "We should have more than that."

"So what we're hoping for is this new infusion of money that we can really start investing in law enforcement and have more police presence in our villages," said Propst, who added that several houses in Dandan—which is under Saipan Election District 1—were hit by several robberies.

"We do need more police cars. Other things have been suggested like foot or bike patrol, that's great but when you get into villages, especially in some areas, it's not easy going to broken roads," he added.

Propst said the DPS must be able to purchase things that it needs to better serve the public like upgrading their cars used for patrolling the streets and respond to various emergency calls.

The rookie lawmaker said the CNMI government must start thinking of other ways. "We're going to need more of that [police cars]. If not [sports utility vehicles] then [all terrain vehicles], we got to start thinking outside the box."

He said that they are now looking to start a neighborhood watch program. "Without increased police presence in our villages, I don't know what we can do at this point. Our village is looking into a neighborhood watch program."

Salary of police personnel is also an issue with CNMI officers only getting $16,000 annually compared to $49,000 received by their counterparts in the mainland. "I have lots of friends who are police officers. They work hard and try their best to do their jobs."

"But look at the average salary, the median for police officers in the U.S. is $49,000 and our police officers are making a fraction of that, which is $16,000 a year. I have friends that started out making $8 an hour and almost 20 years later are still paid the same."

Propst said this is wrong since police officers are putting their lives on the line a lot of times for the people. "What I'm hoping for, in terms of solution, is the ever increasing flow of money into our islands. We see a stronger economy, casinos taking off, and hotels are filled."

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Barter reconnects with her Chamorro roots

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Beverley Sophia Barter had been dreaming of her mother, who died more than 20 years ago, for quite some time. It could have been a reminder by her mom that she fulfills her promise of someday come back home.

Barter is among the hundreds of Chamorros who were born in Australia but trace their roots in the Marianas. She arrived on Saipan a few days ago to meet her relatives and returned to Queensland yesterday.

"I've been dreaming of my mother, as if she's telling me to come back to Saipan because I promised her that I would come back home before she died. It took me years to fulfill that promise and the trip is worth it, seeing my relatives," Barter said.

"Coming back here was also a personal reflection for me. It was a very interesting experience," added Barter, whose grandfather managed the workforce in Rabaul Township of East New Britain in the then New Guinea.

According to Dave M. Sablan, who met with Barter, several Chamorros were recruited to work for the then German government under the German Trust Territory in the 1900s. They went to Yap then in Rabaul, which as then the seat of administration of the German Trust Territory.

Germany had colonized the Northern Pacific and Micronesia in the late 1800s but relinquished their rights after losing in World War I. The League of Nations, the predecessor of the United Nations, then allocated German colonies to different countries.

After the war, several Chamorros chose to move to Brisbane in Australia where they intermarried with the locals. Australia, in the 1960s, then held a census to assess the different ethnic groups and extended citizenship to those not indigenous to the country.

Chamorros who were recruited back then came from Saipan, Guam, Tinian, and Rota. The first generation of full-blooded Chamorros that migrated to Australia was born in Papua New Guinea.

"There's a lot now who are the new generation of Chamorros in Australia. Australia, like the United States, is a vast country. There are families living in Queensland, some are in the East Coast but few are in the West, South, and Northern Territory," said Barter.

Sablan added that T-Galleria president Marian Aldan-Pierce has some relatives in Australia as the Aldan family were among the first Chamorro migrants. "They are part of those who worked in Yap and Rabaul. Some went to Australia while other decided to return to Saipan and Tinian."

Barter's cousin, Bessie Namaulig Lucker, comes from the Deleon Guerrero bloodline. Her mother, the late Anna Maria Namaulig Deleon Guerrero, and her cousin's mom are sisters.

"There are the Aldans and Dela Cruzes there. They are widely spread. Sometimes we get together, that's what families are for. But most of the time, thanks to technology, we connect on Facebook," said Barter.

JON PEREZ

Beverley Sophia Barter, right, joins David M. Sablan, center, and his wife Rita as she reconnects again with her Chamorro ancestry. Barter, who now lives in Queensland, Australia, was on Saipan to visit her relatives and friends.

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A historic call for unity behind America's ideals

The great drama of the Democratic National Convention was whether the party could unite its factions behind Hillary Clinton. That question appears to be settled now.

In a bracing, historic speech that called upon Americans to "decide whether we're going to work together so we can all rise together," Clinton was cheered raucously on Thursday night by a massive, diverse crowd of delegates that, as the week started, was struggling to rise above her bruising primary against Bernie Sanders.

Many wept as she appeared. Chants of "Hil-la-ry!" filled the arena. In any other year, the prospect of electing the first female president in U.S. history might have been unifying enough.

But this year's presidential race has been tinged with more unsettling questions. Polarization, globalism, demographic change and a host of other stresses have left many Americans vulnerable and uncertain.

Within her party, Clinton was bitterly challenged by Sanders supporters demanding economic and social justice. Clinton did right by them in her speech, promising to pursue their demands for fairer wages, more equitable taxes, more affordable tuition and tougher regulation of Wall Street.

But she also wisely reached out to moderates regardless of party, and to working-class voters "from Indian country to coal country." Many have gravitated toward Trump out of a feeling of abandonment in the new world order. She promised opportunity and jobs.

As for Trump himself, Clinton was magnificent in her rebuttal of his opportunistic message of fear, racism, xenophobia and authoritarianism. "This is what Donald Trump doesn't get," she said, quoting the 19th century French historian Alexis de Tocqueville. "America is great because America is good."

Predictably, Trump heckled on Twitter, fuming that she failed to say the words "radical Islam."

"Donald Trump says, and this is a quote, 'I know more about ISIS than the generals do,'" the former secretary of state told her supporters. "No, Donald. You don't."

Clinton picked up where President Barack Obama left off on Wednesday, reminding in his own speech for the ages that "democracy works, America, but we've got to want it."

"Our power doesn't come from some self-declared savior promising that he alone can restore order," the president said. "We don't look to be ruled."

He, of course, was the more eloquent. Like Clinton herself, her delivery was less show pony than workhorse. But workhorses can make history, too.

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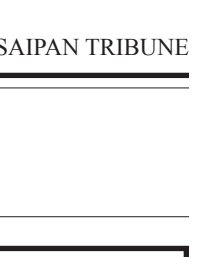

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I friend was candid enough to say that our pieces for the *Saipan Tribune* was "all about you." In a sense, he was right. I used personal images to create alternative perspectives, and other ways of behaving, and at the end, it read "self-centered."

Aug. 1, 1945 was when I wailed into existence. Some are kind enough to say that we do not look like a hovering old coot on the first day of 72! I do experience coffee to jump on its own to my nose in the morning. Great wonder. Then there are others of my age who inquire how I got old so fast. Either way, the years are borne by the scars of both the body and the mind, and we had not hesitated to share the reflections on both with our reading audience.

I did find out that we have a following who knew we wrote "opinion" pieces, and even points to the photo on this paper, but whether what we write was read at all is another matter. It seems enough that they knew I wrote. They've read enough and "know" what I write about, so they do not bother to read me again, and I do tend to repeat myself.

There are those who do read the pieces and often wonder loudly "why he used so obscure words when he could have said it in simpler terms." We stand guilty as accused. While there is an implicit intent in widening our vocabulary, Herman Guerrero of the BoE once said when I was still teaching at SVES (and his son came through my watch for a year): "He wants us to learn how to use the dictionary!"

A fortnight ago, after an aborted trip to China that had us turned around in Tokyo, I decided to sleep with the wind and the waves at a San Isidro Beach shore and left both windows on the passenger and driver side open. I was evidently tired for I slept straight through the night "like a baby," enough to want to write of the experience. After my host invited me in for a morning coffee, I hightailed it to my grade 1 classroom determined to write a reflection. That's when I discovered that my whole backpack was missing and all the electronics and valuables I had were in it. Bummer

I repeat this in the telling only to point to how I've spent a couple of days downloading the articles *ST* printed since 2011 at the local library now that my laptop is gone and discover how much of what I've written is repeated several times. In one sense, I was horrified, and on the other, I understand how some readers slip down the slope of dismissing the articles as a "thing I read before." What I write about could very well be a repetition of a previous experience or thought, though expressed differently.

It was also a red flag to finally cease writing. I've threatened to quit before, and as my colleagues like to say, "Mr. V likes to write, and we will let him." The late *ST* publisher John Pangelinan for whom the Century building was named even offered an honorarium and a promise that whatever I wrote was going to be printed. There was trust established and in a sense, I've written for John ever since.

John is gone, and though Dave Sablan (who enjoys his meals with his wife and Fiesta) and Jayvee Vallejera took John's place in my mind while writing for the paper, but now I've reached the end of my writing line at *ST*. This will be my opinionating last, finally.

What we will do is clear: teach Grade 4 elementary students for the school year 2016-17. A writing of the educational venture might probably take up a whole book, so we won't get started on that one unless we are prepared to put the energy and time.

Then there is my neighbor Uncle Lino who has one Refalawasch dictionary to finish, and I am certainly going to be a prodding friend while pushing myself to get on with the hacking!

I started on an autobiographical account while still teaching in China on the first day of my 70th year, a one-page one-year at a time. It was lost in the laptop that got lifted out of my car while asleep in a CK seashore. Though it took some effort to write the stuff, it is probably just as well to rewrite it again, comfortably and not rushed, rehearsing my sense of selfhood capable of recalling sense experiences, honestly expressing inner feelings, opened to dialogue with the plethora of varied views, and more importantly, humble enough to be consensual with others.

We were on a sub-teaching contract with PSS at the end of the last school year but it was on a daily basis on-call, and that was not good enough to those who wondered why a 71-year old was not properly living off retirement benefits.

I was diagnosed with Spondylosis when GovCNMI was not remitting its share to the Retirement Fund. My contribution dealt with the diagnosis, traveling to Manila, Cebu, and Honolulu only to have everyone's surgery prescription confirmed. I chanced on being in China and was looked at, handed two-weeks worth of herbs to deal with the pain, and a five-minute session on how to knead the cervical area. Been fine ever since!

Yup. We celebrate a happy b-day!

Sense of urgency

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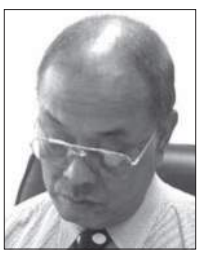

There are important issues conveniently skipped by imperial Capital Hill in favor of trivia or nonsensical matters. Tried to analyze why the seeming negligence and apathy. Can't find any rhyme or reason to satisfy my curiosity other than incompetence.

Just as I started researching an issue came the Latin rendition of "Ke Sera, Sera" or "What will be, will be." So I skipped the troubling queries that were forming in mind.

The troubling assertion of an "improving economy" begs for answers. Was it the result of a fully thought out set of socioeconomic plans or more circumstantial? Could a genius from the hill give a satisfactory explanation on this score?

Behind the half-cocked message are longstanding issues requiring resolution with resolve and finality. One pertains to land compensation. I understand it requires about $60 million to put closure to this matter. Was any of the revenue spike earmarked for this purpose? Or did the boys skip it once more like dog dunk in village streets?

Would there be sufficient funds to cover the needs of the public school system and healthcare? Understood why imperial Capital Hill heads to off-island medical centers while we settle for what's available at CHC. Well, if most of us are earning $90,500 (now the current annual salary per legislator) we may have a chance doing the same. You see, people, we also know what's good, di ba?

Hope this fiscal year school kids won't be asked by their teachers to bring their own toilet tissue as has happened in recent past. This happens when funding falls short of basic PSS needs while the big boys meet in airplane cabins to do their work, junketing!

Someone is usually on the road looking for power generators, another is in Manila shopping for rooster knives; still others head to the U.S. mainland for political junkets to retain their luxury seats. These guys love the elitist lifestyle fostered with rich donors at the expense of "we the people".

The failure of legislators can be attributed to poor quality solons that are clueless what fiduciary policymaking entails. The inability to use the concept of attribution has contributed to their complete record of failure! Amazingly appalling the careless attitude convinced we're all blind, deaf and mute. Well, let's send them to the blind corner of defeat this November in the interest of shifting to the more poised and committed to do the right things by doing them right.

Singing island blues

Each new day we wake up to the morning sun ready to return to work to earn our dues for family needs. We pray and hope for brighter days only to see it dimmed by the negligence of the elected elite on the hill. We cling to shreds of hope completely abandoned.

We retreat into a corner of our mind humming "where I will go, the wind only knows…" singing soulful island blues. We'd hum our personal version well past sunset.

Bewildering that failed promises made are once again knocking on our front doors draped in old filthy rags. The peddlers are the same bunch with extremely bad performances whose records are loaded with embarrassing failure.

If some of these guys are chewing Dr. Webster how come they don't even understand the word "failure"? Magoo said he isn't offended by the rejuvenated courage to peddle failure. Or is it election year pitch gift wrapped in ignorance and stupidity?

I tried making sense of it only to see a trail of disconnection in their blind empty faces and suspect courage. I figure this isn't the time to lay it on them. I need to employ sanctimonious diplomacy to listen to their discordant voices. Should be fun ribbing their sensitivities!

The village folks look despondent—low spirit from loss of hope—echoing, "where I will go, the wind only knows…" At least we share the vast color of the ocean—blue!

No mas! Friends, you need not despair! We could get out of this mess. But it would take your active participation to leave hopelessness behind in the hands of the elite group that ignored our voices since day one. And, friends from Tinian can slam Borja of your sentiment, hands down.

Let us begin by asking a simple question: Has your family income improved over the last 20 years? Has the increase given you decent disposable income (after paying monthly installment for the first family home and car loans) to cover other cost like your children's clothing, school supplies and decent meals at supper?

Ask your legislative and executive branch representatives what have they done to improve your family income that has been battered by increases in the price of basic goods throughout the same 20 years of zero-sum salary increase. It would be interesting to hear what they have to say about it all beyond sitting pretty in their elite nest. This is where you tell them in no uncertain terms, "No mas!"

Chewing Dr. Webster

It's a struggle following the discussion between legislators and witnesses on most every issue under discussion showed on Channel 23 on television.

The questions asked lacked purpose, organization, and substance. It is further confused with the lack of grammatical integrity, syntax and diction. I mean, if your goal is communication why would you even confuse yourself with big words, usage being comical at best, incoherent at worse?

You wonder if the guys are learning basic English or something or other. So you could imagine their groping for words in an attempt to articulate their views landing squarely garble land. Communication is a two way street. The people around you or at home aren't professors, doctors or technical specialists but ordinary people. Try da kine Chamorro braddah! Even we bite our tongue speaking our very own, yeah?

The Democratic village is ready to fight for Hillary Clinton

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Old Will Rogers was spinning like a lasso in his grave Thursday night.

The cowboy philosopher and wise guy from Oklahoma famously said, "I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat." That pretty well summed up the Democrats for decades.

Rogers would have been baffled and incredulous at the high-class politicking this week in Philadelphia. The Democratic National Convention was a slick operation as organized as D-Day. It was also a respectable marathon of intelligent and emotional political persuasion. This convention was far less condescending and jingoistic than most. It got good ratings and decent reviews.

Here's the rub. None of that good work will necessarily help the Clinton-Tim Kaine ticket in November. It might, it might not. The 2016 campaign is where predictions go to die in shame.

I am concerned that much of what Americans have heard about this convention from the larger news outfits, especially cable television, is off-base.

Play-by-play commentary dominated as if the convention was a playoff game; it's all about calling out the tactics, inflating intra-party conflicts, nailing gaffes, unspinning spin and endless small ball, "insider" exposes about how certain buzzwords and speakers are wily, coded pandering to specific cadres and causes. Every single element has a hidden mission: appeal to white males, suck up to Bernie die-hards, jazz up the Hispanics or wink to Republican women that it's OK to sneak-vote for Hillary.

This convention, in truth, was more basic and ambitious than that, in my view.

This convention was about one big thing: Nudging voters to recall and realize that Hillary Rodham Clinton, this one-dimensional character from modern history — a frozen caricature, a symbol, a nemesis, a gossip item, a mystery, a pioneer — is actually a living, changing human being with a heart and a soul, not just a brain and an ambition.

This convention was a carefully constructed live-action serial documentary that evoked Clinton the human being, not the lady that has lived on TV for 25 years. There was plenty attention paid to her professional achievements, long career, policy goals and deep qualifications.

But the domineering energy of this convention was explaining, exposing and honoring this oddly private, totally public woman. The hope was to somehow attach a positive emotion, a nice feeling to her pantsuit armor and then to voters' fluid impulses.

Now, revealing the inner person, emoting, exposing the intimate is not something Clinton could do herself. It's what the pundits, the handlers and, probably, the voters craved. It was never in the cards.

Clinton confided Thursday night that in a long career of public service, the "service" part always came easier to her than the "public" part.

"I get it that some people just don't know what to make of me," she said. That took some guts. But wisely, she didn't fiddle with her comfort zone and try to go all warm and cuddly.

She didn't need to. That was exactly what was so impressive about this convention

The "Make Hillary Be Hillary Again" project job was outsourced to a dazzling chorus of orators who revived that old art and nicely pierced the painful, plastic marketing schmaltz of recent conventions.

Michelle Obama, Bill Clinton, Joe Biden, Kaine and, best of all, Barack Obama were the headliners and they were stars. Their speeches were elegant, smart, substantive but also authentically emotional.

They were backed up by a long, perfectly orchestrated and gifted supporting cast like no other recent convention has produced. Most focused on a core issue, a story about Clinton or a phase of her public service: General John Allen, Michael Bloomberg, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Meryl Streep, Gabby Gifford, Sarah Silverman, Cory Booker and Leon Panetta. There were some fabulous speeches.

A couple "non-celebrities" enraptured the delegates and TV viewers Thursday night, especially the Rev. William Barber and Khizr Khan, who spoke beautifully about his son — a Muslim, an American, a soldier killed in Iraq — and spoke devastatingly about Donald Trump. "You have sacrificed nothing and no one," Khan said to Trump.

The convention's second mission, obviously, was to eviscerate the demon Trump.

Democrats launched assaults on every front: Trump is too unstable to have his thumb on the button, greedy and unethical in business, ignorant about American government and the Constitution, unable to control his mouth, a compulsive liar with no shame, a conspiracy monger and an eager, deliberate bigot, sexist and racist. That's about half the list. Some of the cutting was done with a light touch, but all the knives were razor sharp and dipped in poison.

I expected the assault on Trump to dominate the convention. It didn't. Elevating Clinton did.

The progressive choreography of the four-day convention set the stage so effectively that Clinton didn't need to deliver the speech of her life or emote like she never has before.

She didn't have to prove how lovable and trustworthy she was deep down. She didn't fuss with unveiling the latest Hillary Clinton style. She didn't do any of that. She played within her limits and that was enough.

Clinton's cadence was gentler at first and she was self-deprecating.

Mostly, the speech was standard Hillary Clinton but with a special glow — triumphant, an historic first, but humbly so. She tried to describe a rich vision but fell back on reciting future policies and past results.

It was too granular for my taste. I want to understand what unifies her thought and how she thinks the world works. It appears that's just not how her mind works. We know that this is a perennial reason why so many feel like they don't know what makes her tick.

She did not repair that Thursday night. But her supporting cast made great progress.

After 25 years in starring roles, it's hard to imagine there are voters able to see Hillary Clinton under new lights. Donald Trump, however, has been casting an eerie black light all over the theater.

All the world's a stage though the ending of this drama hasn't been written.

Still, the Democratic cast in Philadelphia should take a deep bow.

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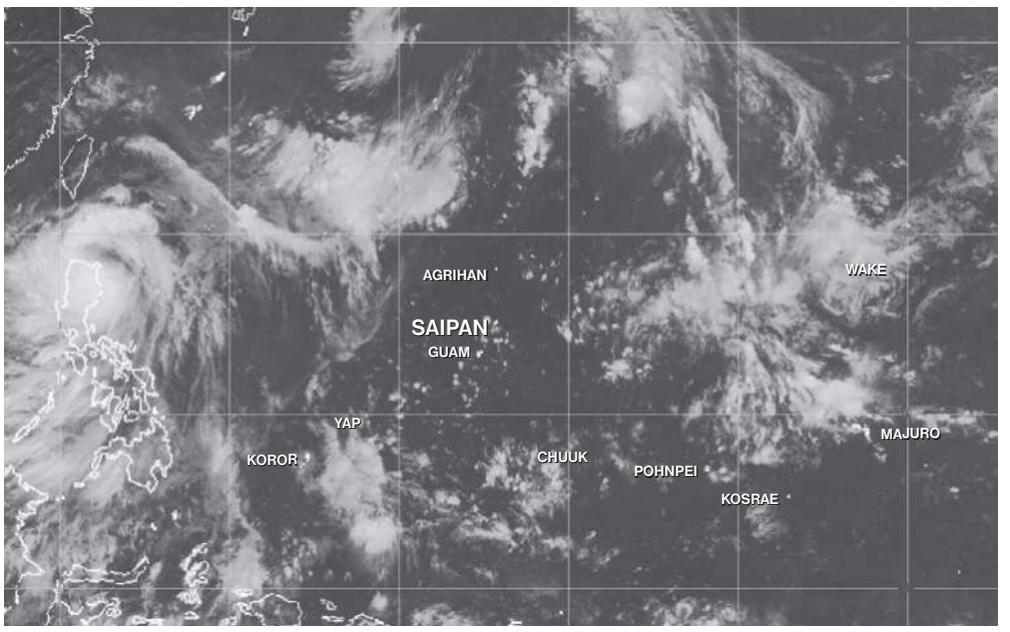
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲90° ▼80°	▲89° ▼79°	▲89° ▼79°	▲90° ▼79°	▲90° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 3:30 PM, MONDAY, JULY 31, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Radar shows isolated to widely-scattered showers across the Marianas, and isolated thunderstorms near Guam. Gentle trade winds were just enough to keep island-enhanced showers and thunderstorms just west of Guam this afternoon. Buoys show combined seas of 2 to 3 feet with an east-northeast swell. A weak surface trough just southeast of the Marianas will keep isolated thunderstorms in the region tonight and tomorrow. Decided to end the thunderstorm coverage Monday evening vs early Tuesday morning as models show a brief period of better weather between the current set-up and the mid to late week forecast scenario. Forecast models still agree in developing a monsoon circulation or gyre north-northeast of the Marianas around midweek.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam And Rota	Afternoon clouds	84 / 92 °F
Palau	Partly sunny	80 / 85 °F
Yap	Morning clouds	79 / 90 °F
Chuuk	Cloudy	78 / 86 °F
Pohnpei	Partly sunny	76 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Cloudy	83 / 87 °F
Majuro	Sunny	82 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	51 / 57 °F
Beijing	Morning clouds	76 / 90 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	83 / 95 °F
Honolulu	Sunny	74 / 84 °F
London	Afternoon clouds	58 / 66 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	69 / 82 °F
Manila	Heavy rain	80 / 87 °F
Melbourne	Cloudy	47 / 54 °F
Miami	Flash floods	83 / 89 °F
New York	Partly cloudy	74 / 84 °F
Osaka	Scattered clouds	72 / 92 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	52 / 75 °F
Pusan	Cloudy	79 / 91 °F
Rome	Sunny	71 / 91 °F
Salem	Mostly sunny	54 / 82 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	56 / 69 °F
Seoul	Clear	74 / 90 °F
Tokyo	Mostly cloudy	76 / 87 °F
Washington, DC	Cloudy	72 / 90 °F

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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
1:04 AM	LOW TIDE	1.08 Feet
6:10 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.98 Feet
1:31 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.4 Feet
8:22 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.91 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM
Wednesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	6:00 AM	6:45 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	4:09 AM	5:18 PM
Tuesday	5:06 AM	6:11 PM
Wednesday	6:03 AM	7:00 PM
Thursday	6:57 AM	7:45 PM
Friday	7:49 AM	8:28 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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6:30AM	6:45AM	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fourth left, receives a plaque of appreciation from Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, led by vice president Diana Benavente, fifth left, in last week's presentation at the Governor's Office conference room.

Empty Vessel holds appreciation ceremony

Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, led by founder and director Rose Smith, held an appreciation ceremony Thursday afternoon on Capitol Hill as a thank you to all the organizations that helped the nonprofit organization in re-shaping the community after Typhoon Soudelor.

"Soudelor was a great awakening for everyone and I'm happy that it actually happened. Although it didn't annihilate or push us down too far, I'm so happy it brought us together," said Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan).

"All donations have been a great help, please continue supporting us, keep us in your prayers, share to your family and friends what's going on," said EVM vice president Diana Benavente.

"[EVM] they have been a great help in encouraging people to come up. They showed their resiliency in assisting our community, that every club means a lot to someone, every island to every house means a lot. And they actually encourage every organization to come together and help Empty Vessel and/or their organizations. We cannot thank them enough for their hearts helping out those who are in need," she added.

EVM would like to thank the following contributors: Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, first lady Diann Torres Foundation, Sen. Sixto Igisomar, Reps. Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Vinnie Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Francis Taimanao (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), the 15th Youth Congress, the Commonwealth Health Center, Best Sunshine International, Ltd., IT&E, *Saipan Tribune, Marianas Variety*, NMPASI, D&Q, CORE, Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Karidat, Life of the Sun Fellowship, Mt. Carmel School, Nepalese Community Salvation, 7th Day Adventist Church, Saipan Sothern High School, United 4 Saipan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Whispering Palms School, Saipan Young Professionals, Sons of Saipan, Jojo Camacho, G. Van Gills, Workforce Investment Agency, Marianas Health Services, MMI Association, Tropics Vacation & Tours, CTSI, MYP, Hyatt Regency, DY Systems Construction, Twins, M4S, Pacifica Insurance, Island Apparel, Bridge Capital, Cargo Express, Mariana Resort & Spa, Matson, Atkins Kroll, Natasha, MMInsurance, and Serenity.

Empty Vessel is a nonprofit organization committed to assisting those who are in need.

Tokito named as new BOH SVP

Tokito

HONOLULU, Hawaii—Mark Tokito, commercial banking manager, has been promoted from vice president to senior vice president of the Guam Commercial Banking Center. In this role, Tokito serves as Bank of Hawaii's lead banker for commercial customers in Guam, Saipan, and Palau by delivering lending, deposit, treasury management, merchant service, and other banking solutions.

Tokito started at the bank in 1985 as a management trainee, and rejoined as a corporate banking officer in 2006 after a two-year period at another local financial institution. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from the University of Hawaii. Tokito is a current member and previous president of the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay, treasurer of the Guam Girl Scouts Inc. and serves as an advisor to the Guam Community College-Business and Visual Arts Department. ***(PR)***

Navy to conduct training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 Aug. 1-2 from noon to 10pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. ***(PR)***

The CNMI WIC Program is celebrating

WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2016

BREASTFEEDING

A KEY TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Breastfeeding is a natural and low-cost way of feeding babies and children. It is affordable for everyone and does not burden household budgets compared to artificial feeding. Breastfeeding contributes to poverty reduction.

Exclusive breastfeeding and continued breastfeeding for two years and beyond provide high quality nutrients and adequate energy and can help prevent hunger, undernutrition and obesity. Breastfeeding also means food security for infants.

To think about:

What role does breastfeeding have in promoting good nutrition and food security in your community?

Come join us for the 5K World Breastfeeding Week Walk at the FILCOM Pavilion on Saturday August 6, 2016 for free health screenings, a fun walk and free t-shirts, water bottles and tote bags (supplies are limited).

Registration starts at 6:30 am and the event will end 9:30 am. See you there!

For more information call the CNMI WIC Clinic at 664-4084.

For all other FNS nutrition assistance programs, State or local agencies, and their subrecipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination

Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Nation

Texas hot air balloon crash leaves no apparent survivors

LOCKHART, Texas (AP)—A hot air balloon carrying 16 people caught on fire and crashed in Central Texas, and it appeared no one survived, authorities said.

Authorities would not confirm the exact number of deaths in Saturday's crash, but Lynn Lunsford with the Federal Aviation Administration said the balloon was carrying at least 16 people and the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office said in a statement that it didn't look like anyone survived.

If 16 people were killed, it would be the one of the worst such disasters, possibly the worst in U.S. history. The deadliest such disaster happened in February 2013, when a balloon flying over Luxor, Egypt, caught fire and plunged 1,000 feet to the ground, crashing into a sugar cane field and killing at least 19 foreign tourists.

Erik Grosof with the National Transportation Safety Board said a full-bore investigation would begin Sunday when more federal officials arrive. "This will be a difficult site for us to work through," Grosof said.

Saturday's crash happened at about 7:40 a.m. in a pasture near Lockhart, which is about 30 miles south of Austin. The land near the crash site is mostly farmland, with corn crops and grazing cattle. Cutting through that farmland is a row of massive high-capacity electrical transmission lines about 4 to 5 stories tall. The site of the crash appears to be right below the overhead lines, though authorities haven't provided further details about what happened. Aerial photos showed an area of charred pasture underneath power lines.

AP

Police cars block access to the site where a hot air balloon crashed early Saturday, July 30, 2016, near Lockhart, Texas.

Margaret Wylie lives about a quarter-mile from the crash site and told The Associated Press that she was letting her dog out Saturday morning when she heard a "pop, pop, pop."

"I looked around and it was like a fireball going up," she said, noting that the fireball was under large power lines and almost high enough to reach the bottom of them.

Wylie, who called 911, said the weather seemed clear and that she frequently sees hot air balloons in the area.

The balloon was operated by Heart of Texas Hot Air Balloon Rides, according to two officials familiar with the investigation. The officials spoke on condition that they not be named because they weren't authorized to speak publicly.

Heart of Texas' website said it offers rides in the San Antonio, Houston and Austin areas. The company's Facebook page features photos of a hot air balloon with a smiley face with sunglasses on it up in the air, people waving from a large basket on the ground and group selfies taken while up in the air.

The operation does not appear to be registered with the state of Texas.

Authorities have not released the names of those who were on board and have not said who was flying the balloon.

Skip Nichols identifies himself on his Facebook page as the chief pilot of Heart of Texas and pictures posted by him are on the business' Facebook page. Nichols, 49, is also the registered owner of Missouri-based Air Balloon Sports LLC. No one answered the door at a home in Kyle, Texas, believed to be his. Calls to Heart of Texas operations manager Sarah Nichols, 72, rang unanswered, and a woman in Missouri believed to be his sister did not return calls seeking comment.

States' flag-burning laws unconstitutional, but persist

URBANA, Ill. (AP)—Champaign County State's Attorney Julia Rietz had just finished walking in a July 4th parade when her assistant told her a central Illinois man had been arrested on suspicion of burning an American flag.

Rietz said she knew "immediately" that the Urbana Police Department needed to release Bryton Mellott, who posted a video of the act on Facebook and whom police initially said they arrested to protect from threats. The state law used to jail him, though clear in its prohibition of desecrating either the U.S. or state flags, is unconstitutional.

An Associated Press analysis shows at least 40 states still have flag-desecration laws, punishing those who burn or otherwise damage U.S. and, in most cases, state flags with fines or even jail time. A handful of Southern states extend that protection to Confederate flags. Yet, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in separate cases in 1989 and 1990 that flag burning and other forms of damage are constitutionally protected free speech.

Most people who burn flags in protest, like those outside of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland this month, are not arrested. But at least eight people have been arrested since 2007 for things such as burning a flag while walking in traffic and hanging a torn flag from a tree. And there appears to be little political motivation to change or do away with the flag-desecration laws, an act for which some voters might punish them.

"Inevitably someone who is not schooled in Supreme Court decisions reads the statute book and says, 'Hey, let's take this guy in,'" said Ken Paulson, dean of the College of Media and Entertainment at Middle Tennessee State University and president of the First Amendment Center. He argues the laws need to be repealed, saying, "Otherwise innocent people will be arrested."

ACROSS THE NATION

1 winning ticket sold in $487 million Powerball jackpot

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Powerball officials say one ticket sold in New Hampshire matches all six numbers in the Powerball drawing worth $487 million. The winning numbers for the Powerball are 11-17-21-23-32 and the Powerball number is 5. The numbers were drawn Saturday night for the nation's eighth-largest lottery jackpot. There had not been a winner since May 7, when a family from New Jersey won a $429.6 million jackpot. Tickets are sold in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

3 dead, 1 hurt in shooting near Seattle; suspect in custody

SEATTLE (AP)—A gunman attacked a gathering of young adults at a suburban Seattle home early Saturday, killing two people at a fire pit before firing more shots from the roof, the grandmother of one of the witnesses said. A total of three people were killed and another injured at the Mukilteo property. State troopers pulled over and arrested the fleeing 19-year-old suspect on an interstate more than 100 miles away, authorities said. "She was hiding in the closet and called me from the closet while it was going on," Susan Gemmer said of her 18-year-old granddaughter, Alexis. "We were texting back and forth, telling her to stay quiet, stay calm, we're on our way. She kept saying, 'They're dead, they're dead, I saw them, I was right there and I saw them.' "

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Mohammad Shajahan Ali Petitioner,	)	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0346
vs.	)	
Pensiliter Alipet Respondent,	)	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. BOX 504501, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 15th day of July, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

DORMANT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

The Dormant Deposit Accounts listed below are currently held at the Bank of Saipan and have been inactive. If you believe you have a claim to any of these accounts, please make your claim at the Chalan Kanoa Branch of Bank of Saipan before October 2016.

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Tacticor LLC
Zecuron LLC
Vitoria International Corporation
Sylvano Litulumar
Augustus D Loste
Cheng S Qian/Momi L Phillip
Zhi Yuan Li
Nelson A Rios/Suwei Shan
Debra Taitano Diaz/Roxanne P Diaz
George A Aguon/Rumei H Aguon
MD A Mabud
Hyounmin K Oh
Yeow C Chua
Soular Freedom Inc
First Lady's Vision
A H Corporation
Voices of the CNMI
Pacific Solutions
Julian B Salalila
Pengcheng Wu
Zenie Palacios Mafnas
Peter S Rran/Li Wen Tang
Epiphanio Jr Estolano Cabrera
Qingxin Chen
MD K Islam
Mary Jean C Florento
Carina Sanchez/Laurence Lauron
Chung Liang Chiu
Mary Hazel Basa Garcia
Maria Q Cruz
Shiro Niwa
Armia S Yacoub
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Randy Jesse SN Taisacan
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Bank of Saipan

Pursuant to Public Law 18-69, any unclaimed deposits remaining from this list after October 1, 2016 will be paid to the "CNMI TREASURER" and delivered to the Department of Commerce, Banking Division. Therefore, any claims made after October 1, 2016 must be made at the CNMI Department of Commerce, Banking Division.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-16-016

TYPHOON SOUDELOR PERMANENT RESTORATION PROJECT
CUC POWER PLANTS 1, 2, AND 4
SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for the Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project for CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, located at Lower Base and No. 4, located at Puerto Rico, Saipan, CNMI.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A **mandatory pre-proposal conference** will be conducted at the CUC Power Plant Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **August 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., ChST.** Immediately after the conference, Site Visits to Power Plant facilities will be arranged. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC RFP-16-016 Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project, CUC Power Plants 1, 2, and 4*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 31, 2016.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

The awarded Proposer will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – https://marianaslabor.net/.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 10, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-017

REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE ADA GYMNASIUM

Governor Ralph DLg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Repair and Renovation of the ADA Gymnasium,** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 25, 2016** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certiication (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/ Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 15, 2016, 9:00 a.m. local time** at Project Site, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 17, 2016** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division.** 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-017".** For bidders within the CNMI, and original and two sopies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, September 07, 2016.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no lated than **10:00 a.m. local time, September 07, 2016,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pitcom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 07, 2016** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **September 16, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, September 20, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on September 07, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the SNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on the other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180)** calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US $100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Norther Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

World

Putin tests West's sanctions resolve on visit to Slovenia

VRSIC, Slovenia (AP)— Russian President Vladimir Putin struck a conciliatory tone Saturday on a visit to Slovenia, shaking hands and honoring dead soldiers as he tested Western resolve in maintaining crippling sanctions against the Kremlin for its role in Ukraine.

Slovenia, a small Alpine nation where U.S. Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's wife Melania was born and grew up, is a member of both the 28-nation European Union and NATO. It has kept friendly relations with Russia even as it joined EU sanctions against Moscow for its 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and its support for insurgents in eastern Ukraine.

On only his third visit to an EU nation this year, Putin attended the centenary commemoration of a chapel in the Julian Alps that was erected in honor of over 100 Russian and other World War I prisoners of war who died in an avalanche while building a winding mountain road for their Austrian army captors in 1915.

At the small, Orthodox-style wooden church named St. Vladimir chapel, Putin was met by Slovenian President Borut Pahor. Thousands of people packed in front of the chapel in the blazing heat as a chorus sang old Russian church songs. They greeted Putin with a long applause and loud cheers. He waved back and shook their hands.

"This chapel has become a symbol of the friendship of the Russian and Slovenian peoples, a symbol of our mutual striving for peace, cooperation and prosperity," Putin said.

He also said Russia was ready to help strengthen security in the world.

"So that we not only remember the horrors of war, but together work on strengthening mutual understanding, trust and security in Europe and the world," he said.

He thanked Slovenians for "caring about our common history, for remembering the Russian citizens whose fate was connected with these tragic events on Slovenian soil."

Security was tight for the visit and included closing the country's main highway to Austria, which caused huge traffic backups.

Slovenian officials portrayed Putin's visit as strictly informal and ceremonial, but said he would talk with officials on economic and bilateral issues.

Putin said the talks focused on "mutual economic projects important for both countries." He said Russian trade with the EU has dropped almost in half because of sanctions "and not that much" with the United States.

"Both things are not good," he told the Slovenian leader.

Russia is Slovenia's top non-EU trading partner but trade between the two has dropped nearly 30 percent since the Western sanctions and Russian counter-sanctions.

PH president calls off truce after rebel attack

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte called off a 5-day-old cease-fire after communist guerrillas killed a government militiaman and failed to declare their own truce by a Saturday deadline, in an early setback to his efforts to end one of Asia's longest-raging rebellions.

It was the first irritant in what has been a blossoming relationship between Duterte, who calls himself a left-wing president, and the Maoist guerrillas, who have been waging a decades-long insurrection. Both sides had previously agreed to resume peace talks next month in Norway, and it was not immediately clear whether the talks would be affected.

Withdrawing his cease-fire order, Duterte said in a statement Saturday evening that he had ordered all government forces to go on high alert and "continue to discharge their normal functions and mandate to neutralize all threats to national security, protect the citizenry, enforce the laws and maintain peace in the land."

In a separate statement issued after the cease-fire order was lifted, the military said that the New People's Army guerrillas had "missed a golden opportunity" to demonstrate their commitment to peace.

"This could have been what the Filipino nation had been waiting for — the silencing of the guns that could have hastened development, especially in the countryside," military chief of staff Gen. Ricardo Visaya said in the statement, adding that the armed forces would abide by Duterte's latest order.

Duterte, who was sworn in on June 30, declared the government cease-fire Monday during his state of the nation address. Two days later, however, rebels killed the militiaman and wounded four others in southern Davao del Norte province, angering Duterte, who sought an explanation for the attack and gave the insurgents until 5 p.m. Saturday to declare their own cease-fire.

The rebels failed to declare a truce by the deadline. A regional rebel spokesman, Rigoberto Sanchez, instead accused the military of disobeying the president by continuing combat deployments and operations in the country's south.

"There is no conspicuous and veritable unilateral cease-fire exercised by" the military, police and paramilitary forces in the south," he said in a statement posted on a rebel website.

Fighting between Turkish forces, Kurdish rebels kills 43

ISTANBUL (AP)—Authorities say fighting between Turkish forces and Kurdish rebels in the restive southeast of the country has killed eight Turkish soldiers and 35 Kurdish fighters.

The office of Turkey's General Staff headquarters said Saturday the eight soldiers were killed in a clash Friday afternoon with Kurdish militants at a checkpoint in the southeastern Hakkari province. A subsequent operation against the Kurdish rebels left eight Kurds dead, the military said.

Separately, a further 27 fighters from the Kurdish Workers' Party, or PKK, were killed in the same province when Turkish troops launched an air-and-ground operation against groups of PKK fighters attempting to infiltrate early Saturday, the state-run Anadolu news agency said, quoting the military.

The PKK reportedly bombed a freight train in the eastern province of Elazig on Saturday, planting an improvised device on the tracks that caused damage but no casualties, Anadolu said. Security forces have begun an operation in the area to apprehend those responsible.

Turkish forces have been fighting the PKK for decades, with armed clashes resuming after a 2 1/2 year cease-fire collapsed in mid-2015.

Health & Fitness

Study: Specialized brain training may forestall dementia onset for years

By MELISSA HEALY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

If you're intent on keeping dementia at bay, new research suggests you'll need more than crossword puzzles, aerobic exercise and an active social life. In a study released this week, researchers found that older adults who did exercises to shore up the speed at which they processed visual information could cut by nearly half their likelihood of cognitive decline or dementia over a 10-year period.

The new clinical trial results, presented Sunday at the Alzheimer's Association's International Conference in Toronto, establish specialized brain training as a potentially powerful strategy to prevent Alzheimer's disease and other afflictions, including normal aging, that sap memory and reduce function.

With 76 million baby boomers reaching the age of maximum vulnerability to Alzheimer's and with no effective treatments available to alter the disease's progression, researchers are keen to find ways to prevent or delay the onset of the memory-robbing disease. The new research suggests that even years after it is administered, an inexpensive intervention without unwanted side effects might forestall dementia symptoms.

The latest results emerged from a 10-year study that compared the effects of three forms of brain training in a group of 2,802 cognitively healthy seniors. The ACTIVE study — short for Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly — was funded by the National Institute on Aging.

A quarter of the participants, who had an average age of 73.4 at the study's start, got no training at all. The remaining participants were divided into three groups, and over five weeks, each group got 10 hourlong training sessions. One group got a classroom-based course designed to impart strategies aimed at boosting memory; a second got a classroom-based course designed to sharpen participants' reasoning skills.

A third group was given computerized training designed to increase the speed at which the brain picks up and processes cues in a person's field of vision. Speed of visual processing is a cognitive skill that declines with age, a trend that some neuroscientists attribute to the increasing "noise" in electrical communications between cells and among regions in the brain.

Over the study's 10-year follow-up, 14 percent of participants in the control group suffered significant cognitive decline or dementia, compared with 11.4 percent in the memory-strategies training group, 11.7 percent in the reasoning-strategies training group and 10.5 percent in the speed-of-processing group. Cognitive decline or dementia was not only less among those in the speed-of-processing group; when it appeared, it came later.

Statistically, the trial's four groups experienced sizable differences in cognitive aging. For those who got the commercially available brain-training exercises, the cumulative risk of developing cognitive decline or dementia over 10 years was 33 percent lower than for participants who got no training at all. Among a smaller group of computerized-training participants who got "booster sessions" — at least one refresher class 11 and 35 months after the initial training — the risk of cognitive decline or dementia went down even further. Compared to study participants who got no training at all, recruits who went through more than 10 of the computerized brain-training sessions were 48 percent less likely over 10 years to experience dementia or cognitive decline.

Participants who took part in the other two training regimens, which focused on teaching strategies for remembering and for reasoning, were as a group slightly less likely than the control group to suffer cognitive decline or dementia over the study's 10-year span. That was particularly true for those who got 10 sessions to improve reasoning-strategies. But the results of those training regimens were less robust than those for the computerized training, and researchers could not rule out the possibility they were caused by chance.

In the ACTIVE trial, participants' cognitive health was measured at one, two, three, five and 10 years after initial training took place, using several standardized batteries. Researchers gauged participants' mood, confidence and self-rated health, and surveyed their ability to conduct such daily tasks as preparing meals, driving and taking care of finances.

The computerized brain-training exercise is commercially available as the "Double Decision" game, one of a suite of cognitive exercises marketed online by the San Francisco-based Posit Science Corp. The game exercises an individual's ability to detect, remember and respond to cues that appear and disappear quickly in varying locations on a computer screen. It uses colorful graphics and challenges players with escalating difficulty as their proficiency increases.

In an interview, University of California, San Francisco neuroscientist Michael Merzenich, chief scientific officer of Posit Science, said that the seemingly narrow skill of processing visual cues appears to be a pretty good indication of a person's overall cognitive health. The new study suggests that when visual processing skills are improved by programs designed to build up those mental "muscles," people not only perform better in tests of that specific skill, they get better at a wide range of complex behaviors, he said. The cognitive benefits, in short, appear to be "generalized."

For companies marketing computer-based brain-training programs, now a multimillion industry, claims of such generalized cognitive benefits have generated criticism and controversy. In 2014, neuroscientists gathered under the auspices of the Stanford Center on Longevity took the brain-training industry to task for promising results that were "frequently exaggerated and at times misleading."

Though such exercises can produce performance improvements in the lab, they wrote, "these small, narrow and fleeting advances are often billed as general and lasting improvements of mind and brain." Despite bold marketing claims, "compelling evidence of general and enduring positive effects on the way people's minds and brains age has remained elusive," they wrote in a December 2014 consensus statement.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
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COMMERCIAL BUILDING
CHALAN KANOA, SAIPAN

The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is seeking proposals from individuals or companies to lease Lot 014 H 08 and its improvements located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan near the U.S. Post Office. The total land area is 1,638 square meters and has a building area of 5,858 square feet.

Terms and Condition of Lease
Property is being leased "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS". All Prospective Lessees are encouraged to visit the property prior to submitting a proposal and are asked to contact Mr. Oscar C. Camacho, Loan Manager at 234-6245 ext. 306 to schedule an appointment. Prospective Lessee must rely on its own investigation and review of the physical, environmental, economic use, compliance, and legal conditions of the Property.

Proposal should include the following information:
- Proposed lease price and term
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Mr. Manuel A. Sablan
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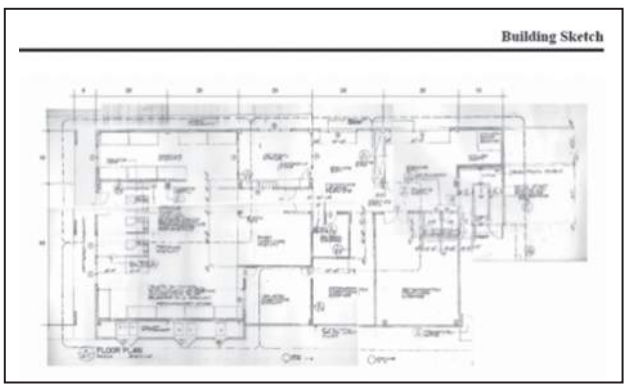

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WORLD RESORT

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPEN DATE: July 29, 2016 POSITION: Human Resources Clerk
CLOSE DATE: August 14, 2016 SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in human resources or administrative preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide support, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: July 29, 2016 POSITION: Reservations Clerk
CLOSE DATE: August 14, 2016 SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Minimum two (2) years experience in hotel reservations preferred. Must have excellent people skills, willingness to provide service, friendly attitude and a ready smile. One (1) position is currently available.

OPEN DATE: July 29, 2016 POSITION: Lifeguard
CLOSE DATE: August 14, 2016 SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent required. Obtaining a lifeguard certification will be required for continued employment for the lifeguard position. Must have a friendly and an outgoing personality. Six (6) positions are currently available.

OPEN DATE: July 29, 2016 POSITION: Steward
CLOSE DATE: August 14, 2016 SALARY: $6.05 - $7.05 per hour

Qualifications:
High school graduate or equivalent. Minimum two (2) years experience in food service preferred. Position may require employee to receive food handler related health examinations and clearances as condition to their continued employment. One (1) position is currently available.

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ON THE JOB TRAINING

Our training will be for 3 to 6 months this coming Fall 2016. We need individuals that have flexibility and are committed to be in the workforce. Deadline for our submission to the positions listed below are due on August 14, 2016.

Food & Beverage Culinary Subsidiary (Gift Shop & Spaness)

Employment application forms are available at the Saipan World Resort, Security Office, located next to the Wave Jungle/Water Park. Applicants must submit the completed form and all the necessary requirements to the Security Office. Incomplete application will not be accepted by the Security Office. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Team at (670) 234-5900 ext. 575/576/266.

Life & Style

Fiji takes part in NSA Sumer Camp

The ongoing Natibu Sports Association summer camp continues to provide meaningful and fun activities to children-participants, with music sensations Fiji and Sistah Robi Kahakalau making special surprise guest appearance and performance.

The NSA Summer Camp was launched last week in partnership with Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility. This is a 10-day program for children aged 6 to 12 who will have the opportunity to learn various subject matters in unique programs designed to engaged and prepare them prior to the opening of classes.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Famed island artists Sistah Robi Kahakalau and Fiji share their excitement to perform before for the NSA summer camp participants and counselors working alongside Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team.

Island music sensations Fiji and Sistah Robi Kahakalau glve the children a front row performance.

The BSI-CSR team opened up the opportunity for young campers such as Ignacio Santos to share their musical talents with famed artists Fiji.

"I'm very grateful. These are moments that I treasure and are very special. I didn't know what to expect today and I was just so overwhelmed and humbled with how the kids were so open to receive us when we came and how nice they were," Fiji said.

"It's more nerve-racking for me to be with the kids. It's easy to put on a show and do your thing, but when you come in front of children, they see right through you. This was a beautiful experience and they made me feel very comfortable. I hope that many more artists get to experience what I experienced today," he added.

Fiji is currently on island conducting a music and voice lesson seminar upon the invitation of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres. BSI-CSR executive director Geralyn Dela Cruz reached out to the governor, who in turn gladly facilitated the appearance of Fiji and Sistah Robi at the NSA Summer Camp.

Fiji and Sistah Robi were treated first by special performances by the young campers who share the same passion and love for music.

Six-year-old NSA summer camp participant Sinahi Santos took the stage and performed a local favorite titled "Gof Bonito" by KC Deleon Guerrero, while 11-year-old Ignacio Santos sang a modern favorite "7 years" by Lukas Graham.

"It's my first time to actually sing in front of a musician like Fiji," said participant Santos. "Performing with Fiji makes me feel happier to finally sing in front of a musician. Fiji told me earlier that I should go to voice lessons. I want to say thank you to Best Sunshine for bringing him here because that's what I always wanted to do was sing in front of him."

Best Sunshine CSR representative Nate Ada also shared his musical talent by singing "I Believe I Can Fly" by R. Kelly and the children mimicked Fiji as he waved his hands in the air swaying to Ada's performance.

Fiji then took the stage and performed a few numbers alongside Sistah Robi for the children leaving them with endless smiles. The children gathered around the music sensation shortly after receiving personal autographs and photos alongside the adored singer.

At the end of his performance, Fiji commended the BSI-CSR team.

"I want to commend Best Sunshine for doing this for the kids because it is so important: You're raising a generation of kids that will never forget this unique experience," Fiji disclosed. "The way they interact with each other and how they encourage one another is very rare in this day and age. I see the kids love you and I see the lover in their eyes. They're enjoying this program and it's something fun for them. I would love my kids to be a part of a program like this. Thank you Best Sunshine and all the CSR staff." ***(PR)***

BSI-CSR representative Nate Ada sings alongside Fiji for the young campers.

Music sensation Fiji gives out autographs to young campers participating in the BSI-CSR-coordinated NSA camp.

Sarah Jessica Parker goes thrift shop in new HBO comedy

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—A roundup of news from the Television Critics Association summer meeting, at which TV networks and streaming services are presenting details on upcoming programs.

EX IN THE CITY?

In "Sex and the City," Sarah Jessica Parker's wardrobe was all about the look and the label. In "Divorce," her new HBO comedy series, it's more about emotion.

Parker, back on HBO a decade after starring as single girl Carrie on "Sex and the City," plays a wife and mother who decides to end her marriage. She stars opposite Thomas Haden Church as her (maybe) soon-to-be-ex-husband.

Clothing is part of "the whole person in a much more subtle way. You see it in everything: in Thomas' character, in the children's clothing," Parker said. "The family is isolated in a period without it being a period piece."

She was inspired by the look of 1970s film, Parker said, and most of what her character wears is from vintage or thrift shops. Costume designer Arjun Bhasin, who has worked with filmmaker Ang Lee, is in charge of the wardrobe.

"Divorce" debuts Oct. 9.

GENDER: SCIENCE AND CULTURE

Katie Couric and National Geographic Channel are teaming up on a documentary about the science and culture behind gender.

Couric is the executive producer and host of the two-hour film, described as an in-depth look at factors involved in gender fluidity, including genetics, brain chemistry and modern culture.

The film, with the working title "Gender Revolution," will premiere globally on National Geographic Channel in January 2017. It will be timed with the release of a gender-themed issue of National Geographic magazine, the channel said.

'GAME' OVER

HBO has confirmed what "Game of Thrones" fans never wanted to hear: The fantasy-thriller phenomenon will be coming to an end after Season 8.

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NIXON ON REAGAN

"Killing Reagan" star Cynthia Nixon isn't mincing words about how the late Nancy Reagan might react to the freedom granted to the man who shot and wounded President Ronald Reagan.

"Nancy wouldn't like it," said Nixon, who plays the first lady in National Geographic Channel's movie based on the book by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.

"Nancy's daughter didn't like it," said the film's director, Rod Lurie, referring to Patti Davis, who has opposed John Hinckley Jr.'s release from the psychiatric hospital where he was confined after the 1981 assassination attempt.

Last Wednesday, a judge finalized Hinckley's transition, ordering that the 61-year-old can permanently leave the hospital. As early as Aug. 5, he'll be able to leave with his mother, 90, at her Williamsburg, Virginia home, where he's been staying for 17 days each month.

Tim Matheson plays Reagan and Kyle S. More is Hinckley in the movie debuting in October.

NO FAIR

Norman Lear, age 94 and a native New Yorker, thought he knew a little something about the obstacles of housing in the Big Apple. But when he began exploring the subject for "America Divided," Lear said he was "horrified at how little I knew. Someone making a reasonable living with two children can no longer afford to live in New York City."

Racial discrimination also remains a problem despite the fair-housing law that makes such a thing illegal. On his episode, Lear goes incognito to expose real-estate agents who give preferential treatment to him, as a white man, over a black man seeking the same apartment.

Those were the insights Lear helps bring to viewers in his chapter of "American Divided," an eight-story, five-part series that premieres on the Epix channel on Sept. 30.

Lear joins seven fellow stars who explore their own chosen issues of inequality that, in each case, was close to their heart. These A-list correspondents also include Amy Poehler, Zach Galifianakis, Common, Rosario Dawson, Peter Sarsgaard, Jesse Williams and America Ferrera. Other issues they tackle include inequality in education, health care, labor, criminal justice and the political system.

'Game of Thrones' to end after season 8, but 7th still ahead

AP

In this Friday, June 1, 2016 combo picture made up of three separate images, Game of Thrones stars from left to right , Maisie Williams, Liam Cunningham and Lena Headey take questions during an interview with the Associated Press in Athens.

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After that, a spinoff remains a possibility.

"We're open to it, the (producers) aren't opposed to it, but there's no concrete plans right now," Bloys said.

"Game" won't be back with its seventh season until next summer, missing the deadline for the 2017 Emmy competition, which it routinely dominates. Last year, "Game" scored a dozen Emmys.

"It's always better to win more Emmys," Bloys said. "But the main goal is to do the best show possible for our subscribers and fans."

Kelly Ripa not saying who she'd like as new 'Live!' co-host

WATER MILL, N.Y. (AP)—If Kelly Ripa has a preference for who will join her as the co-host of "Live! With Kelly," she isn't saying who it is.

Ripa said Saturday that naming a favorite candidate to join her on the morning talk show would be "like telling you who my favorite child is."

Ripa spoke at a designer clothing sale to benefit ovarian cancer research in Water Mill, New York.

Organizers say the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance's Super Saturday sale raised $3.4 million last year.

Ripa said the cause is dear to her heart because she lost a close family friend to ovarian cancer when she was growing up.

AP

In this Oct. 12, 2015 file photo, Kelly Ripa addresses the crowd during a ceremony honoring her with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

Ripa's former co-host on "Live!" was retired NFL player Michael Strahan. Strahan left the syndicated show last spring for ABC's "Good Morning America."

Couple's long-ago ties can be bound up again

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years ago I had a mistress. My wife knew about her. Both of our spouses have now passed. I have found her address on the internet, and I'm debating if I should contact her. What do you think?

UNSURE IN IOWA

DEAR UNSURE: Because you are both now unencumbered, I don't see any reason why you shouldn't. Clearly, you have things in common and a lot of shared history.

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DEAR ABBY: We are well into school's summer vacation, filled with days by the pool, trips to the zoo, and plenty of time for kids to goof off around the house. This extended leisure time for the kiddos may be a good time to remind parents to be thoughtful about what they post on social media.

Some basics: When your child accidentally dumps all the sunscreen from your beach bag onto the car floor, you do not have to post a picture of a regretful, crying toddler to prove that "he really did it this time!" When your child falls off her bike and gets a great big scrape on her forearm, you do not have to post a picture of the scrape for the world to see. When your child is running through the backyard sprinkler without clothes on, you do not have to post a picture to let us know.

Abby, please encourage your readers to have a memorable, safe and exciting summer -- but to keep those photos to themselves.

COMMON SENSE, PLEASE

DEAR C.S.P.: You obviously don't want the children put at risk or shamed. Some people feel a compulsion to record everything a kid does for the world to see because their child is so special and unique. Unfortunately, we seem to have reached a point in our culture that nothing is private anymore. I'll print your suggestion to parents, but while I applaud your wanting to protect their children, it's their job. If the photos bother you, ignore them and keep scrolling.

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DEAR ABBY: We are a family of six children. Our elderly mother lives with each of us three to 10 months at a time. Out of the six of us, only one is a homemaker who has the room and ideal setting for her to live comfortably. However, she refuses to have Mom permanently.

The rest of us have jobs that don't allow us to be with her during the day. Yet we all agreed that putting Mom in a nursing home would be out of the question.

If I didn't have to work, I'd take care of her permanently myself. I admit that she can be difficult to live with. She can cut you down, insist you do all kinds of errands and is suspicious about someone taking her money. I don't know what to do.

ONE OF SIX IN OHIO

DEAR ONE OF SIX: Has your mother always been this way? If so, then perhaps it's time for another family meeting. To expect one sister to shoulder the entire burden of taking in a demanding, suspicious parent is unfair to her.

If there have been changes in your mother's personality, consider having her be neurologically evaluated to see if there is something wrong with her. A geriatric psychiatrist could give you some helpful input regardless of whether she's ill -- and help you all decide upon a workable, permanent living situation for her.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

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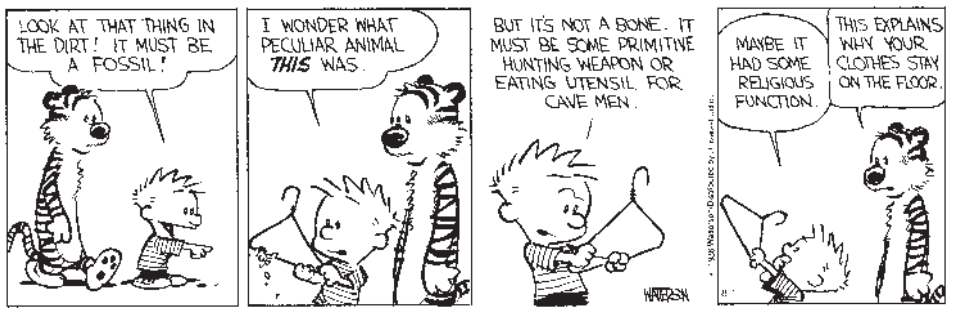
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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I WONDER WHAT PECULIAR ANIMAL THIS WAS.
BUT IT'S NOT A BONE. IT MUST BE SOME PRIMITIVE HUNTING WEAPON OR EATING UTENSIL FOR CAVE MEN.
MAYBE IT HAD SOME RELIGIOUS FUNCTION.
THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOUR CLOTHES STAY ON THE FLOOR.

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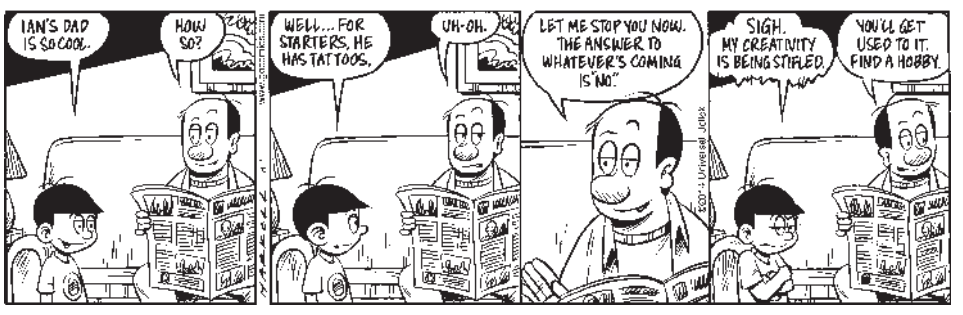
IAN'S DAD IS SO COOL.
HOW SO?
WELL... FOR STARTERS, HE HAS TATTOOS.
UH-OH.
LET ME STOP YOU NOW. THE ANSWER TO WHATEVER'S COMING IS "NO."
SIGH. MY CREATIVITY IS BEING STIFLED.
YOU'LL GET USED TO IT. FIND A HOBBY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

I THOUGHT YOU SUBMITTED A CLASSIFIED AD TO THE PAPER?
I WANTED BETTER EXPOSURE. CHECK THE OP-ED PAGE.
OH, HERE WE GO... "DEAR EDITOR: WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY A LAWN MOWER?"

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Spend more time with friends and colleagues. Put regrets and mistakes behind you. Make amends and move forward. Look for healthier ways to live. Smart, fit and focused should be your goal. Give your best and you'll get the highest returns. ✪✪✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Passion will give you the drive you require to get things accomplished. Don't let personal matters deter you from reaching your goals. If you are physically active, take care to protect yourself from stress-related injury. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Partnerships will need attention. Don't forget the past, but don't dwell on it either. Wasting time on a fruitless situation will not be productive. Look over contracts and negotiate on your own behalf. Don't give in to emotional blackmail. ✪✪✪

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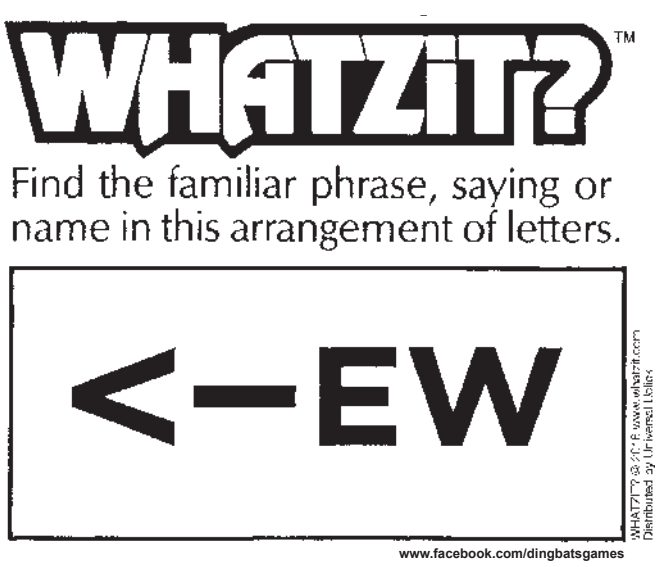

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Pujols hits 2-run HR to help Angels beat Red Sox

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Hector Santiago was happy to overlook his rough stretch as long as the Los Angeles Angels got the win.

Santiago labored through five innings, throwing a season-high 119 pitches with six walks, and it was good enough as the Angels beat the Boston Red Sox 5-2 Saturday night.

"A phenomenal start," Santiago said. "We got the W. Who cares about the rest?"

After giving up a pair of runs in the first, including a leadoff homer to Mookie Betts, Santiago mostly managed to frustrate the Red Sox, who left 11 men on base.

"It's almost like he was effectively wild," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "He was erratic enough in the strike zone to prevent us from squaring anything up."

Santiago (10-4) has now won six consecutive starts, posting a 1.78 ERA, all in the month of July. He's the first left-hander to go 6-0 in a calendar month since Andy Pettitte managed it for the Yankees in August of 2007.

He was supported Saturday by the continued hot bat of veteran Albert Pujols.

After Santiago allowed the two runs in the first, the Angels got one back in the bottom of the inning against Drew Pomeranz (8-9) before Pujols put the Angels on top with a line-drive, two-run homer in the third.

Pujols has 20 RBI in his last 13 games, 30 for the month of July and 80 on the season. It was his 20th home run of the year. This after he started the season batting .185 in his first 33 games.

Blue Jays 8, Orioles 1

In Toronto, J.A. Happ won his eighth straight decision, Devon Travis homered and the Toronto Blue Jays used a seven-run fifth inning to beat the Baltimore Orioles and take sole possession of the AL East lead for the first time since early April.

Kevin Pillar had two hits and drove in four runs to match his career high. Major league RBI leader Edwin Encarnacion drove in his 89th run.

Mariners 4, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Leonys Martin hit a go-ahead, two-run double off new Chicago closer Aroldis Chapman in the eighth inning, lifting Seattle past the Cubs.

Wade Miley (7-8) took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning before allowing Kris Bryant's single and Javier Baez's RBI groundout.

Giants 5, Nationals 3

In San Francisco, Joe Panik hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh inning and San Francisco beat Washington to snap a three-game losing streak.

Anthony Rendon hit a two-run homer in the third for the Nationals, who couldn't protect an early 3-0 lead hours after acquiring All-Star closer Mark Melancon from Pittsburgh to replace the struggling Jonathan Papelbon.

Rockies 7, Mets 2

In New York, Jorge De La Rosa earned his 100th career victory and Colorado eventually caught up with Bartolo Colon, beating New York in the rain for their fifth straight win.

The Rockies improved to 12-4 since the All-Star break and won despite losing NL home run leader Trevor Story to a jammed left thumb. He seemed to get hurt on a scrambling slide in the fourth, exited early and X-rays on the rookie shortstop were negative.

Rays 6, Yankees 3

In St. Petersburgh, Drew Smyly struck out Alex Rodriguez three times en route to stopping an 11-start winless streak, and Tampa Bay sent New York to its third straight loss.

Smyly (3-11) gave up two runs and four hits in six innings, and Alex Colome worked the ninth to get his 24th save. Tampa Bay is 7-5 since losing 24 of 27.

Diamondbacks 4, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Braden Shipley pitched six scoreless innings for his first major league victory and Jean Segura hit a leadoff home run to help Arizona beat Los Angeles.

Shipley (1-1), Arizona's 2013 first-round draft pick, held the Dodgers to five hits in his second career start. The Diamondbacks won for only the third time in 11 games.

AP

Los Angeles Angels shortstop Gregorio Petit catches a pop-up by Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts for an out during the ninth inning a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Saturday, July 30, 2016. The Angels won, 5-2.

Marlins 11, Cardinals 0

In Miami, Christian Yelich and Jeff Mathis each had three hits and drove in two runs in Miami's victory over St. Louis.

Marcell Ozuna hit a two-run home run and Martin Prado had a two-run double for the Marlins. They drew even with the Cardinals at 56-48 for the second NL wild-card spot.

Rangers 2, Royals 1

In Arlington, Mitch Moreland homered with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Texas past Kansas City.

Moreland's 17th homer landed in the second deck of seats in right field.

Brooks Pounders (1-1) had gotten the first two outs in the ninth before Moreland homered for the fourth time in five games. He had two homers Thursday night when Texas won 3-2 in the series opener.

Padres 2, Reds 1, 10 innings

In San Diego, Adam Rosales homered leading off the 10th inning to give San Diego the victory over Cincinnati.

Rosales sent a 2-2 pitch from Jumbo Diaz (0-1) over the fence in left-center field for his eighth homer of the season.

San Diego relievers Ryan Buchter, Brandon Maurer and Brad Hand (3-2) each threw a scoreless inning.

Tigers 3, Astros 2

In Detroit, Jose Iglesias drove in the winning run with an infield single with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Detroit past Houston.

With the Astros up 2-1, Houston closer Will Harris (1-2) retired the first two batters in the ninth but then walked Justin Upton. Tyler Collins singled and James McCann drove him in with another single.

Brewers 5, Pirates 3

In Miwaukee, Hernan Perez drove in three runs with a two-run homer and an RBI single, lifting the Milwaukee past Pittsburgh after the Pirates dealt closer Mark Melancon to Washington.

Shifted to third in the batting order because Ryan Braun was sidelined by with right-side tightness, Perez hit a two-run homer in the first off rookie Jameson Taillon (2-2).

Phillies 9, Braves 5

In Atlanta, Jeremy Hellickson pitched into the sixth inning and drove in the go-ahead run with a two-run double to help Philadelphia beat Atlanta.

Atlanta, the majors' worst team, put on a clinic of bad baseball in the eighth while Philadelphia scored four runs without a hit. Hunter Cervenka issued four walks, Ryan Weber hit a batter and two infielders committed an error to bring a chorus of boos from the fans.

Indians 6, Athletics 3

In Cleveland, Jason Kipnis, Jose Ramirez, Abraham Almonte and Mike Napoli homered in Cleveland's victory over Oakland.

Cleveland broke a 2-all tie with a four-run fourth in which Almonte and Napoli homered. The rally came after Oakland's Billy Butler tied the game with a home run in the top of the inning and flipped his bat several feet from home plate, a move the Indians quickly answered.

White Sox 6, Twins 5, 10 innings

In Minneapolis, Dioner Navarro hit a tiebreaking double in the 10th inning to drive in Avisail Garcia and lift Chicago past Minnesota.

Garcia led off with a double against Fernando Abad (1-4), and scored easily when Navarro drove a fastball from Abad to the left-field corner.

Michael Ynoa (1-0) worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the ninth for his first win of the season, David Robertson pitched the 10th for his 25th save.

Indians, Brewers agree to trade for catcher Lucroy

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Indians could be nearing a trade for Milwaukee All-Star catcher Jonathan Lucroy.

According to several reports late Saturday night, the teams have an agreement in place for a deal that would send Lucroy to the Indians in exchange for four minor league prospects. Lucroy must waive his no-trade clause for the deal to completed, FOX Sports reported .

Neither team commented on the proposed swap.

The Indians lead the AL Central by 4 1/2 games over Detroit. They have been in the market for a catcher since Yan Gomes separated his right shoulder earlier this month, and Cleveland has been actively looking to upgrade its offense for several weeks.

Lucroy was held out of Milwaukee's lineup Saturday night, a signal the teams were closing in on a trade. He's batting .300 with 13 homers and 50 RBI.

Three of the players reportedly headed to the Brewers are catcher Francisco Mejia, shortstop Yu-Cheng Chang and outfielder Greg Allen—all three have been in Class A this season.

The Indians have been on top of their division for most of the season, and with one of baseball's best starting rotations, they believe they can win the pennant and perhaps follow their next-door neighbors, the Cavaliers, and win another championship for Cleveland.

The Cavs ended the city's 52-year title drought in June, coming back to beat Golden State in the NBA Finals.

Lucroy can certainly help.

The 30-year-old would give the Indians another right-handed bat to bolster a lineup that has struggled at times to keep pace with Cleveland's solid pitching staff. Lucroy is making $4 million this season and the Brewers own a $5.25 million option on him for 2017, a contract that fits within the Indians' payroll and will be more than worth every penny if he can push them over the top.

It's possible that Lucroy could be asking the Indians for an extension on his current deal or to increase the value of his option for next season.

The Indians have been searching for an infusion of offense all season.

Former All-Star left fielder Michael Brantley has appeared in only 11 games after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder in November. Brantley returned in late April, but still felt pain and has been sidelined since May 9. Brantley was making progress during a recent minor league rehab assignment but sustained a setback and has been shut down. He underwent another minor procedure on his shoulder but it's uncertain if he'll play again this season.

Cleveland's catching situation has been a problem as well.

Storms interrupt PGA Championship at Baltusrol

AP

A man stands by the 18th hole after third round play was suspend for the day at the PGA Championship golf tournament at Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., Saturday, July 30, 2016.

SPRINGFIELD, N.J. (AP)—Thunderstorms shut down the PGA Championship on Saturday before 10 players could even hit a shot, setting up what could be a long, wet and wild conclusion to the final major of the year—whenever it ends.

Jimmy Walker and Robert Streb made it as far as the practice range before clouds gathered, the sky rumbled and storms dumped more rain on an already saturated golf course at Baltusrol. Tied for the lead at 9-under par, they faced a 36-hole Sunday, provided the course could be ready by 7 a.m.

Otherwise, another Monday finish loomed, and that was only part of the unpredictable nature of this PGA Championship.

Kevin Kisner had seven birdies in his round of 5-under 65 and was at 5-under 205. He was one shot ahead of Padraig Harrington, who also had a 65. They were among only 37 players of the 86 who made the cut to complete the third round.

The plan was for the third-round pairings to go right back out Sunday morning, meaning they would finish before the last group even began the fourth round.

"That will be an interesting dynamic, for sure," said Kerry Haigh, the PGA of America's managing director of championships. "Add to the excitement, actually."

It was the second time the PGA rolled the dice at Baltusrol and failed.

In the 2005 PGA Championship, they chose not to move up the tee times on Sunday with a high possibility of storms in the forecast, and Phil Mickelson had to return to play five holes to secure a one-shot victory.

With storms in the forecast for Saturday afternoon, Haigh said the PGA did not "significantly" consider a two-tee start Saturday morning in threesomes.

"The forecast is similar to what it has been the previous two days, with a chance of rain in the afternoon, summer showers. And that's exactly what we got," Haigh said. "Unfortunately, today they hit us. And yesterday, they missed us."

It was the third time in five years that weather messed with the PGA Championship. The final round was played in threesomes off both tees at Kiawah Island in 2012, and Valhalla was a quagmire in 2014, though the last two rounds were played in twosomes and barely finished. Rory McIlroy won both of them.

Haigh could not think of the last time the players were not paired according to their 54-hole score for the final round.

Russell Knox lagged a 65-foot birdie attempt on the 18th hole, tapped in for a par and a 67 to reach 3-under 207, and then heard the horn as Marc Leishman was getting ready for his 12-foot birdie attempt. Leishman has to return at 7 a.m. for that putt, and then wait two hours to start his final round.

Knox couldn't resist a playful dig on Twitter in which he told Leishman that he had "grub, showered and feet up now."

They could use plenty of rest, and a break in the weather.

Baltusrol already had about 3 inches of rain this week, and Haigh didn't have a report on Saturday's damage because it was still raining. There is no defense for soft greens, however, and it showed.

Streb posted the 30th round of 63 in a major on Friday. Kisner and Harrington took aim Saturday before the rain, each with 65s. Harrington didn't even think he played that well and still shot a 65, his lowest ever in a PGA Championship.

"Hit the right shots at the right time and any of the shots that I didn't hit well didn't do me any harm," Harrington said. "So it was one of those days. It's nice when you score better than you play. It was just an average day, as I said. Thursday was the day I played well. It was amazing, the best I played Thursday, is the worst score I shot. That's the nature of the game."

Kisner was slowed by a pair of bogeys on the front nine, though he bounced back with two straight birdies and finished with three birdies in his last four holes.

"You keep it in the fairway, you can attack," Kisner said. "The course is receptive enough. You can make a lot of birdies."

Mickelson made the cut with one shot to spare on Friday, rallying from an opening tee shot that went out-of-bounds and onto a side street. He shot a 68 on Saturday and was at 1-under 209, and he predicted far lower scores to come.

"There is a low 60s round," Mickelson said when he finished. "I think somebody is going to break that 63 record in these next two days. The greens are pristine. You can make a lot of putts. They are soft, so you can get the ball very close. I think that there's that 61 or 62 out there that I was probably trying to chase a little too hard."

Haigh was only hopeful for good weather, as soon as possible.

He said the course had so much water it was unplayable even if it stopped raining, and more rain overnight would make a 7 a.m. start unlikely. When it does get back into shape, the greens will be soft. Baltusrol's strength is measuring the right bounce on the greens because of the contours. This might be more like lawn darts.

Broncos going against the grain again

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—The Denver Broncos won the Super Bowl in an unorthodox manner and they're out to defend that title in an unconventional way as well.

In this age of the high-powered passing games, they won it all with a devastating defense. They'll try to do it again with a throwback offense that features an old-fashioned fullback and a QB that shield the ball as well as he slings it.

"Our room is a big, big, big part of what we want to do," running back C.J. Anderson said Saturday. "No matter who's back there, it's on us to get this offense to go."

When Peyton Manning retired, coach Gary Kubiak reinstalled his version of the West Coast offense that blends roll-outs, bootlegs, play-action passes and plenty of handoffs.

General manager John Elway drafted Utah running back Devontae Booker and Nebraska fullback Andy Janovich to help an offense that will be led by Mark Sanchez, Trevor Siemian or Paxton Lynch, who are involved in a rare three-way training camp audition.

The uncertainly can curtail the receivers' rhythm early on, but all this isn't to say that Pro Bowlers Demaryius Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders are taking a back seat in 2016.

Kubiak's offense was at its zenith in the late 1990s, when fullback Howard Griffith cleared the way for Terrell Davis to gain 1,750 and 2,008 yards in 1997-98. But both of those seasons also featured a pair of 1,000-yard receivers.

"We're going to be physical from the start and I think putting a fullback in the offense helps out with that a lot," Anderson said. "We can get more 21 personnel (base formations) and then we can get in a lot of different matchups and hopefully we can get eight men in the box."

That would open up things for Sanders and Thomas, Anderson said.

"They get 1-on-1 coverage, that safety has to choose one and the ball's going to go the other way," Anderson said. "So, I think the philosophy is great. It's just up to us to execute it."

To that end, Anderson is in tip-top shape.

After signing a four-year, $18 million contract this spring, Anderson, who had weight issues early in his career, reported at about 217 pounds as he seeks to start 16 games and topple the 1,000-yard barrier for the first time.

Anderson has only run behind one fullback in his NFL career, James Casey, who was released a month into the 2015 season as the Broncos realized they had to alter their approach for Manning.

Anderson likes what the fullback brings to the mix, recalling some of the best ground games of his youth.

"The Cowboys did it with Emmitt Smith and Daryl Johnson, (LaDainian Tomlinson) had Lorenzo Neal. Of course, T.D. had a fullback here. Even Warrick Dunn had Mike Alstott," Anderson said. "And all those offenses won big.

"We're getting back to the ground and pound: Run game and play defense," Anderson said. "But don't be surprised, we will put the ball in the air because we have playmakers on the outside."

Wade excited to join hometown Bulls

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Chicago Bulls general manager Gar Forman, left, and Dwyane Wade hold a uniform during a news conference Friday, July 29, 2016, in Chicago. Wade who played at Miami Heat for 13 years, joined his hometown team for a two-year contract worth about $47 million.

CHICAGO (AP)— When Dwyane Wade was a free agent in 2010, he got a Chicago Bulls jersey when he met with his hometown team. He took it home, put it on and took a picture. Then he deleted it.

He got another Bulls jersey Friday, and there were more pictures. Lots of pictures, and there was no need to erase anything this time around.

The long dance between Wade and the Bulls took the next step when he was officially introduced as a member of his favorite team growing up in the Windy City. The 12-time All-Star had two workouts with the Bulls before he was drafted by Miami in 2003, and then had two more meetings with the team before deciding to stay with the Heat six years ago.

"My dream of becoming an NBA player started here, started here in my hometown," Wade said. "I know it took a long time to get here, but I am here and I'm excited to be here."

Wade announced he was leaving Miami for Chicago on July 6, and the Bulls confirmed the deal two weeks ago. But his introductory press conference was delayed by a trip to China for Wade and his wife, actress Gabrielle Union.

Judging by the smile on the face of general manager Gar Forman, it was worth the wait for the Bulls.

"Knowing him and studying him over the years, his makeup and character, his work ethic and his commitment to winning is something that I think is really going to serve our team well," Forman said. "You look at our team and we basically got a young team. We've got 10 players now with three years or less experience, and to have Dwyane come in and kind of show these guys the way, I don't think you can put a value on something like that."

Wade's two-year contract worth about $47 million is part of a delicate balancing act for Forman and Chicago, trying to get younger and more athletic while staying in contention. After finishing 42-40 and missing the playoffs for the first time since 2008, Derrick Rose, another local product, was traded to the New York Knicks, and All-Star center Pau Gasol left for a free-agent deal with San Antonio.

But the Bulls convinced Rajon Rondo and Wade to come to Chicago, adding two more dynamic guards to play with Jimmy Butler. While Rondo and Wade are on the wrong side of 30 and have never been strong 3-point shooters in a league with increasing emphasis on the outside shot, everyone with the Bulls think they will be able to work it out.

"We have our own strengths, and with those strengths is what we're going to bring to this game," Wade said. "We're not going to come out there and try to be Stephen Curry. That's not our game."

Butler watched from the back as Wade held his press conference, and Wade playfully ribbed him about his shirt exposing his muscular arms. Wade then watched from a courtside seat as Butler helped the U.S. national team beat Venezuela 80-45 in an exhibition across the street at the United Center.

While Butler's reputation took a hit following Chicago's poor finish last season, Wade said Butler called him during free agency and the deal would not have happened without his recruitment.

"We're not going to go through this all year. It's Jimmy Butler's team," Wade said. "Myself and Rondo are here to bring what we bring as athletes to this team and to this city."

Scoring has never been a problem for the 34-year-old Wade, who leaves Miami as the franchise's career leader with 20,221 points. The 6-foot-4 guard averaged 19 points and 4.6 assists in 74 games last season, his highest total since he appeared in 76 games in the 2010-11 campaign.

After the Bulls missed out on him in the draft, Wade turned into a beloved figure in South Florida, helping the Heat win NBA titles in 2006, 2012 and 2013. He had repeatedly returned to the only NBA franchise he had ever known, but he said the direction and focus for each side was a little different this year than in the past.

"I had a contract offer in Miami that I could have took. I decided not to take it," Wade said. "It was my decision to be selfish and to live out a dream of mine. I brought a lot of excitement to Miami and it's a home to me. It will always be. I want to bring a little bit here to Chicago while I have a little bit left."

Meanwhile, in New York, A federal judge has refused to dismiss a lawsuit alleging Rose and two friends drugged and gang-raped a woman.

On Wednesday, federal Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald said a jury must decide whether to believe Rose's contention that the woman, a former lover, consented to group sex at her home in 2013.

The case could now go to trial in October, when Knicks training camp gets underway.

Messages left for Rose's agent, B.J. Armstrong, were not immediately returned Saturday.

According to court records, the woman had been drinking at Rose's Beverly Hills, California, home, and a friend helped her return home, where she vomited and fell asleep.

The woman's $21.5 million sexual battery lawsuit contends that Rose and the other two defendants entered her apartment the next morning and raped her.

The woman believes that an unknown drug was slipped into her drink at Rose's home, and she "did not do any pregnancy tests or a rape kit because she was terribly ashamed and embarrassed," according to her lawsuit.

Rose has denied the allegations, and his lawyer has labeled the lawsuit an extortion attempt.

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throws. Jethro Cruz added one basket, while Keoni Rios had a split charity.

Rios and Cruz earlier in the second canto combined for 9 points to help Atalig overhaul Palau's lead. Atalig had 6 markers in the second, while N-Nes Siech tallied the other field goal for the CNMI.

While the visiting team struggled offensively in the third, Palau had its biggest production in that frame, more than doubling the CNMI's output after firing 20 markers. Omar Ganac and Wallace Worswick provided the needed baskets for the home team with the former scoring 7 straight early in the third canto and the latter also had a string of 7 markers and outgunned the entire CNMI team as he earlier hit Palau's first field goal in the second half.

Worswick and Ganac gave Palau a 46-37 advantage, going into the fourth quarter and the host kept the upper hand and clinched the championship as the CNMI fell short on its repeated comeback bids after missing a lot of free throws. Basa's wards went only 7-for-23 from the foul line with none of them knocking in more than two charities.

Cruz, who is a good free throw shooter, was only 1-for-6. Big man Dean Blake had the same poor shooting percentage from the stripe, while Aiferson Atan and Atalig went 2-for-5 and 2-for-4, respectively.

Atalig led the CNMI's losing cause, finishing the finals with 17 points, while Cruz and Rios chipped in 15 and 13, respectively. Worswick paced Palau with his 29 points.

The 54-point production against Palau was the Commonwealth's lowest output in the tournament. The CNMI started strong in the MBT, recording 100-plus markers in their victories over Guam, Yap, and Belau. Basa and company then played Palau in their final elimination round game last Thursday and lost, 76-86.

With the defeat, the CNMI dropped to the No. 2 spot and was pitted against No. 3 Guam in the semifinals. The Commonwealth crew knocked out Guam in last Friday's semis, 82-48, to arrange a winner-take-all finale against Palau, who prevailed over sister team Belau.

Cruz anchored the CNMI's semis triumph over Guam, as he registered a game-high 20 points.

Finals

Palau 62— Worswick 29, Baysa 10, Ganac 9, De Lina 6, Bukkurou 4, Timarong 4.

CNMI 54 — Atalig 17, Cruz 15, Rios 13, Siech 4, Atan 2, Kintaro 2, Blake 1.

Scoring by quarters: 19-12, 26-29, 46-37, 62-54.

Semifinals

CNMI 82 — Cruz 20, Kintaro 16, Atalig 12, Blake 9, Rios 6, Atan 6, Paragados 4, Castro 3.

Guam 48 — Quinene 12, Cabral 10, Fegurgur 8, Borja 5, Taitano 4, Soriano 2, Stanley 2, Pelkey 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-19, 35-28, 55-42, 82-48.

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Standish, who used his height advantage to get the pass against two Team Guahan defenders, caught the ball nearly in the middle within the end zone

After Standish's TD, the CNMI faltered on its two-point conversion, while Team Guahan was left with 50 seconds to put up a final stand. The visiting team then had an incomplete pass in the first down with Emmanuel Withers losing the handle, while in the second down, Davis' throw was short and got to no one. The two missed opportunities gave Team Guahan 36 seconds to orchestrate another play and this time Davis found his target in Mayo.

"He is my go to guy. With the time winding down, I know I have to make a move and be accurate on my pass. I saw the defense coming to me and at the same time, I saw Jon running," Davis said.

"Somebody has to step up with the game on the line and I am happy that I was able to do that. After I got the ball, I knew someone is chasing me, so I gave all the speed I got," said Mayo. "This is the biggest TD that I scored so far."

After Mayo's dagger, the CNMI Sharks had only 22 seconds to pull a miracle, but failed as they made three incomplete passes, allowing the visiting squad to escape with the win.

Team Guahan coach Joey Guerrero lauded his players for making things happen in the closing seconds of the match.

"It's not over until you hear the final buzzer. We designed that play and it worked. Our players did not give up until the end," said Guerrero, who tipped his hat to the CNMI Sharks for giving his team a run for its money.

"They have improved a lot. The players worked together well. They really gave as a good game. If they will continue to play like this I will not be surprised to see them one day competing in a high-level tournament and winning, too," Leon Guerrero said.

Sharks head coach John Blanco, despite the sorry loss, praised his players.

"Keep you heads high. You did a very good job out there and played your hearts out," said Blanco.

Last Saturday's 2-point loss was the closest defeat the Sharks absorbed against Team Guahan, which is composed of season players from various teams in Guam. Team Guahan won in 2014, 37-14, and 20-0, last year.

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semis victory over Guam.

Cruz received a trophy for making it to the elite group, which also had Yap's Zeric Gant, Belau's Jerry Ngiraremiang and Altar Kintoki, and Palau's Wallace Worswick as members.

Worswick led Palau's title run in the tournament, as he scored 29 markers in their 62-54 win against the CNMI in the finale last weekend. Worswick and company were unbeaten in the regional competition.

US swimming team ready to head to Rio

ATLANTA (AP)—The U.S. swimming team has just one practice left before it leaves for the Rio Olympics.

Women's coach David Marsh likes what he's seen at the 12-day Atlanta training camp.

"It's been a beautiful camp so far," he said. "The captains are leading it well. Very relaxed. There's nothing having to be contrived here to create things."

The team's most prominent co-captain, Michael Phelps, was the big draw Saturday for the near-capacity crowd at the Georgia Tech aquatic center.

Phelps has said he will retire after his fifth Olympics, and fans started lining up at 5am, over six hours before the team walked onto the deck.

Phelps occasionally waved and smiled during the nearly three-hour workout, but mostly kept to himself. Despite doing no interviews with reporters, his influence was felt everywhere.

"We were talking about it at dinner the other day without him," said women's co-captain Allison Schmitt, a three-time Olympian. "People didn't know anything (about swimming before Phelps). It was embarrassment to be a swimmer. No young boy was a swimmer. Now there's probably more guys in the sport than there is girls. He has definitely changed it a lot and he will continue to change it a lot past his retirement."

The most decorated athlete in the history of the games, Phelps will try to add to his 18 golds and 22 overall medals before he retires for the second time. He won the 100-meter butterfly, the 200 fly and the 200 individual medley at the U.S. Olympic trials r this month in Nebraska.

His personal coach, U.S. men's coach Bob Bowman, said Phelps looks as strong as ever.

"He never surprises me anymore," Bowman said. "As soon as you think you've seen it all, he'll give you something else."

Bowman declined to say if the 31-year-old will compete in a relay event.

"I do know," he said. "I'm not going to tell you."

First-time Olympian Chase Kalisz has known Phelps for several years and says it's easy to see why television insisted on starting the finals, which begin next Saturday, so late each night.

Phelps means big ratings for NBC.

"Our sport wouldn't be what is without Michael," Kalisz said. "You look at all the coverage we get because of him and all the opportunities we get because of Michael. You look back 20 years ago, and it wasn't like that. There wasn't this kind of excitement. I think he's ready to go out the way he wants to go out and close that chapter on his own terms. I think it will be good for him."

The team has already adapted to a new sleep schedule, getting in the pool each night at Georgia Tech at 10 p.m. That's what time the semifinals will begin in Rio. Some finals could end after midnight.

Swimmers have grown accustomed to the uncustomary hours over the last few weeks.

"It's kind of a college kid's dream," said Gunnar Bentz, a first-time Olympian. "We get to stay up late and we get to sleep in. It's kind of nice, honestly, but training at 10-11 p.m. is a little weird. You get used to it, but I think will work really well in Rio."H

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In this July 28, 2012, file photo, Michael Phelps competes in a heat of the men's 400-meter individual medley at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. After retiring and then un-retiring, Phelps will be in Rio as the first U.S. male swimmer to compete in five Olympics.

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Athletes in Olympics' refugee team luckier than many

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Popole Misenga broke down crying—for the family in Congo that he hasn't seen in 15 years, and for all the world's refugees who haven't been as lucky as he's been.

Competing in judo, Misenga is one of 10 refugee athletes who will march as a team behind the white Olympic flag when the Rio de Janeiro Games open on Friday at the opening ceremony, a first for any Olympics.

Misenga began to cry on Saturday as he told his story, which provided a rare upbeat moment in the difficult run-up to South America's first games.

"I have two brothers and I haven't seen them," explained Misenga, who has settled in Brazil. "I don't know how they look anymore because we were separated since we were small. So I send hugs and kisses to my brothers."

Rubbing tears from his eyes, the 24-year-old athlete delivered a message for his family: "If you can see me on television now, you can see that your brother is here in Brazil and alive and well."

Misenga, who hopes one day to afford to buy airplane tickets so his family can visit Brazil, said being on the refugee team means he's representing something bigger than his native country or national flag.

"We're fighting for all the refugees in the world," he said. "I'm not sad that I'm not going to carry the flag of my country. I will carry a flag of many countries."

Yolande Mabika also fled Congo, and is also a judo athlete. But she's in grief over losing her country.

"I will raise the Olympic flag, but I'm a little bit sad in my heart and mind because I cannot march under the flag of my country," she said.

She also cried as she described refugees as forgotten people.

"Everybody in the world talks about the refugees having no major importance," she said. "We are going to show that the refugee is capable of doing everything that other people around the world do."

The Olympic refugees are superb athletes, but no one expects a medal from them. But that's beside the point.

"Their country was broken, but they have the spirit of humanity, the spirit of athletes," said Tegla Loroupe, the head of the delegation and a three-time Olympian from Kenya.

Yusra Mardini was a competitive swimmer in Syria until she left Damascus with her sister a year ago and settled in Berlin.

She said she still dreams of representing Syria, but also recognizes a bigger mission of "representing the biggest flag— which is all countries."

"We're going to represent you guys in a really good way," she said, speaking to other anonymous refugees. "I hope you're going to learn from our story: That you have to move on, because life will never stop for your problems."

Fellow swimmer Rami Anis fled Syria five years to avoid being drafted into the army. He still talks of competing for his country of birth— maybe at the next Olympics.

"I am representing people who lost their rights, who suffered injustice," he said. "I hope in Tokyo in 2020 there will be no refugees and we will able to compete under our own flag."

IOC sets up 3-person panel to rule on Russian entries

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—A three-person International Olympic Committee panel will make a final ruling on which individual Russian athletes are allowed to compete in the Rio de Janeiro Games.

The IOC's ruling executive board, meeting Saturday for the final time before the opening of the games next Friday, said the panel will decide on the entry of Russian athletes whose names have been forwarded to compete by their international sports federations and approved by an independent arbitrator.

"This panel will decide whether to accept or reject that final proposal," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "We want to make it absolutely clear that we are the ones making the final call."

The move comes amid a doping scandal that has led to the exclusion of more than 100 Russian athletes connected to state-sponsored cheating. More than 250 Russian athletes have been cleared to compete by the federations.

The panel will have to make its ruling before the opening ceremony, just six days away.

"We're working on a very, very tight timeline," Adams said. "It has to be finished by Friday at the very latest."

The panel will consist of three executive board members: Turkey's Ugur Erdener, chairman of the IOC medical commission; Germany's Claudia Bokel, head of the athletes' commission; and Spain's Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr., a vice president of the modern pentathlon federation.

Adams said the panel will review every athlete cleared by the federations, but would not reopen the cases of those who have been barred. An arbitrator from the Court of Arbitration for Sport will make an initial ruling before the final decision goes to the IOC panel.

"This review board panel will look at every single decision, every single athlete, to make sure the IOC is happy with the decision that's been taken," Adams said. "It's very important that the IOC makes the final decision based on independent advice."

Saturday's meeting came less than a week after the IOC board decided not to ban Russia's entire team from the games because of state-sponsored doping. Rejecting calls by more than a dozen anti-doping agencies for a complete ban on Russia, the IOC left it to the federations to vet which athletes could compete or not.

The Russians banned so far include the 67 track and field athletes barred as a whole by the IAAF, and more than 30 others rejected under new IOC eligibility criteria. Russia's eight-member weightlifting team was kicked out of the games on Friday for what the international federation called "extremely shocking" doping results that brought the sport into "disrepute."

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CNMI gets silver medal in MBT

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Junior National Team players and officials pose with their silver medals during the awards ceremony for the 2016 U17 Micronesian Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Palau National Gymnasium in Koror.

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The CNMI Junior Nationals played in the finals of the 2016 U17 Micronesian Basketball Tournament and settled for the silver medal after host Palau won the title match, 62-54, last Saturday at the Palau National Gymnasium in Koror.

The Preston Basa-coach CNMI faltered on its title bid in the five-nation tournament and bowed to Palau anew after a third-quarter offensive meltdown and free throw woes.

The Commonwealth cagers grabbed the lead from Palau at halftime, 29-26, working their way back from a 7-point deficit in the first quarter, 12-19, but scored only three field goals and 8 points in the third to fall behind anew.

Ron Atalig was the only CNMI player to nail more than 2 points in the pivotal third, making two field goals and a pair of free

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Team Guahan nips CNMI Sharks, 16-14

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Third time was nearly the charm for the CNMI Sharks who were seconds away from a win before Team Guahan stole the victory in the end of their friendly match, 16-14, last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

The host team was up, 14-10, with 36 seconds left in the fourth quarter and Guam on third down when quarterback Daray Davis and wide receiver Jon Mayo teamed up in the game-winning play. Davis after taking the snap checked on the field and just before CNMI Shark's defense ganged up on him, he threw a 70-yard pass to Mayo, who was sprinting to the right sideline and caught the ball just past the 20-yard mark. The Sharks' Alex Standish tried to tackle Mayo, but the latter was too quick and run to the end zone for his second touchdown in the game. Mayo's first TD came in the opening quarter off a 76-yard pass from Davis and Team Guahan also scored on a try for an 8-6 advantage. The CNMI, on the other hand, drew its first TD from Ben Jones, who scored off a 37 sweep.

Standish gave the Commonwealth its second TD, which came with less than a minute remaining in the closely fought match, to lift the home team to the 2-point advantage. The touchdown was also recorded on the third down with Sharks quarterback Jerome Norita taking the snap and running to his left to avoid Team Guahan defenders before throwing to Standish.

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The CNMI Sharks' Derrick Rangamar tries to keep his balance, as a Team Guahan defender attempts to tackle him during the fourth quarter of their friendly game last Saturday at the CPA Airport Field.

Cruz named to MBT All-Stars

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The CNMI Junior Nationals' Jethro Cruz was selected to the All-Star Team of the 2016 U17 Micronesian Basketball Tournament that concluded last Saturday at the Palau National Gymnasium in Koror.

The lefty shooter was the most consistent scorer on the CNMI squad, hitting double figures in all six games in the five-team tournament. He averaged 18.7 points in the elimination round after tallying 22 markers each in their game against Belau and Palau and recording 21 and 10 versus Yap and Guam, respectively.

In the playoffs, the Saipan Southern High School standout made 20 points in the CNMI's semis win over Guam, 82-48, and in the finals against Palau, Cruz had 15 markers.

The CNMI Junior National player also collected 29 rebounds, 17 steals, and 11 assists in the entire tournament. He canned 13 triples in the six matches he played in the MBT, drilling his most baskets (6) from beyond the arc in their

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